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Increased Taxes To The State Northfield's Share

Franklin county towns will apparently be called upon to pay increased taxes to the state this year according to the announcement made at the state house on Tuesday. An increase of \$1,500,000 for 1932 was announced, bringing the total state tax to \$9,000,000 this year.

Greenfield's share of the increase is estimated at \$4,650, the tax for this year having been given as \$35,100 as compared with \$30,450 in 1930. As a result of the 1932 rate, Greenfield would be the seventh highest tax payer of all the communities in the four western counties. The six higher places are: Springfield, \$375,840; Holyoke \$134,730; Pittsfield, \$83,430; Chicopee, \$69,580; West Springfield, \$36,630 and Northampton, \$36,360.

The taxes for the other 25 county towns are given as follows: Ashfield, \$1,530; Bernardston, \$1,260; Buckland, \$3,510; Charlemont, \$1,440; Colrain, \$2,070; Conway, \$1,350; Deerfield, \$5,400; Erving, \$2,970; Gill, \$1,260; Hawley, \$360; Heath, \$540; Leverett, \$720; Leyden, \$450; Monroe, \$1,070; Montague, \$15,750; New Salem, \$630; Northfield, \$2,510; Orange, \$7,650; Rowe, \$900; Shelburne, \$3,690; Shutesbury, \$540; Wendell, \$1,140; Whately, \$1,530.

In his message to the legislature, Gov. Joseph B. Ely has recommended that as an offset to the increased state tax, the municipalities be given an additional one half cent more from the gasoline tax, which would give about an extra \$1,000,000 for distribution to the towns and cities this year.

South Church Notes

As virtues which should be cultivated Rev. Mr. Conner, in his Sunday morning sermon named self-control, patience, thoughtfulness, of others, punctuality, and faithfulness.

There was quite a full attendance of the Church school in the early part of the service. A number of accessions have been made to the sessions of the Church school.

The subject of discourse announced for next Sunday morning is "The Evil and the Good of Discontent."

The Woman's Alliance will hold the next regular meeting Thursday, February 4 with Mrs. Thomas Parker. Group Leaders for program are Mrs. Mary H. Callender and Mrs. F. W. Williams. Subject—"Care of the Aged in European Countries and Why a Problem in the United States?"

The assistant leaders are Mesdames Stearns, Tyler, Sutherland, Streeter, Webster, Ware, Whitmore.

North Church Notes

Announcement was made Sunday that Rev. W. Stanley Carne of Gosham, Maine, has accepted the call to become the pastor of the Church. A letter received a few days ago by the Church Clerk says he will probably be here by March 1.

Miss Priscilla Lawrence was the leader at the Y. P. S. C. E. service Sunday evening.

The Song service on Sunday evening was led by Mr. Philip Porter.

The Mid-week Bible Class again met with Mrs. L. R. Smith last Tuesday afternoon for the study of the Epistles to the Hebrews.

Thursday was an all day "Sewing Bee" for the women of the Church with a luncheon at noon.

Regular weekly service Thursday night at 7.30.

On Friday evening in the Vestry, the Evening Auxiliary will meet to study Chapters 1 and 2 of "Christ Comes to the Village." Leaders, Miss Sophie Servaes and Mrs. Fred T. Palam.

Relief Corps Notices

The H. H. Johnson Post of the Women's Relief Corps will hold its regular monthly meeting in Alexander Memorial Hall on Friday, February 5th, at 2:30 P. M.

The Franklin County Association of Women's Relief Corps meets in Greenfield, Mass., Wednesday, February 3rd, at 10 o'clock. There is a morning and afternoon session with dinner at noon. Mrs. Nellie Adams of the Northfield Corps will be installed as Junior Vice-president of the county association.

Parsons Accepts Invitation

Mr. Herbert Parsons has accepted the invitation of the Northfield Historical Society to speak before that body at its next meeting March first. Mr. Parsons also plans to spend several days here at that time to investigate matters in connection with the preparation of his book on Northfield's history.

The Ben Greet Players

At the Auditorium on next Saturday evening will appear The Ben Greet Players in a presentation of "Twelfth Night" (what you will) by William Shakespeare. The characters as they appear will be:

Orsino, (Duke of Illyria, Frederick Sargent; Curio, Valentine, Gentlemen attending the Duke, Lawrence Johns, Basil Dear; Sea Captain, Mark Dignam; Viola, Gwen Llewellyn; Sir



Sir Philip Ben Greet

Toby Belch (Uncle to Olivia), Russell Thorndike; Maria, Enid Clark; Sir Andrew Aguecheek, Rex Walters; Feste (A Clown), Alfred Farrell; Malvolio, (Steward to Olivia), Ben Greet; Olivia, Vera French; Attendant, Edith Mayor; Fabian, Peter Dearing; Sebastian, (Brother to Viola), Christopher Casson; Antonio (A Sea Captain, Friend to Sebastian), W. E. Holloway.

Scene—A city in Illyria and the Sea Coast near it. The various scenes are on the Coast. The Duke's Palace—Olivia's House and Garden. A street and a corridor. Two short intervals. The music is of the Period.

Springfield—Hermion Alumni Club Meet

At Springfield in the parish house of the Baptist Church the Springfield-Mount Hermion Club held its annual meeting and it proved to be a gala time.

Jerome Burr, '11, principal of the High School of Commerce, was elected president of the club.

The guests of the evening were: Albert E. Roberts, '93, of New York City, formerly in charge of the county work of the Y. M. C. A. in the United States and Canada, and new Mt. Hermion alumni secretary, and Dr. Henry F. Cutler, who will retire this June after 42 years of service as principal of Mt. Hermion school. Gaylord W. Douglas, '96, presented Dr. Cutler a handsomely-bound Bible as a parting gift from the club.

The Bible was inscribed in gold as follows: "Dr. Henry Franklin Cutler, Principal, Mt. Hermion, 1890-1932" and the flyleaf bears the inscription, "Henry Franklin Cutler, with the affection and appreciation of the members of the Springfield Hermion club."

Dr. Cutler spoke briefly on the aims of Mt. Hermion, declaring that the graduates as a whole are carrying out the ideals of the founder, Dwight L. Moody, and that the school is at the front in the educational movements of the country.

Mr. Roberts spoke of the expanding program of Mt. Hermion, and stressed the importance of the co-operation of the alumni.

Congregational Club To Gather Feb. 9

The annual meeting and dinner of the Franklin County Congregational club will be held at the Mansion House Greenfield Tuesday evening, February 9, at 6.45 o'clock. The address will be given by Rev. Dr. Benjamin A. Willmott of Townsend, on the topic, "That Very Important Person—You." Dr. Willmott was formerly pastor of the Walnut Avenue Congregational church, Roxbury. Music will be furnished by Mrs. Gwendolene Hubbard of Sunderland, contralto soloist in First Church, Holyoke, and the accompanist will be Miss Anna Laura Kidder of Amherst.

Farms Benevolent Society Have Successful Affair

The supper and entertainment of the Ladies Benevolent Society at Northfield Farms last Friday evening was a success in every way. After serving a splendid supper in the basement dining room of Union Hall adjournment was taken to the hall where a musical program was rendered and a comedy sketch, "Pa's New Housekeeper" was presented with the following in the cast: Lewis Wood as Pa Jackson; Warren Billings as Pa Jackson; Lawrence Hammond as Jimmie's chum; Rachel Parker as Jimmie's sister; Elizabeth Eastman as Mollie Holbrook. The play was well presented and those who took part acted with rare realism. Candy aprons and fancy work were sold and a good sum realized for the Society. Mrs. A. H. Wright was awarded a fine bed quilt.

Plans For Alumni Paper Progressing Rapidly

Plans for the forth-coming publication of a Northfield High school alumni paper are moving along rapidly this week, according to Seth H. Field, head of the committee, who is at his home here for a week between semesters at Boston University. With the assistance of Roger T. Lyman, and Aaron H. Newton, other members of the committee, copy is being prepared, and other necessary details being taken care of.

The 1932 alumni check-up, which started January 1, with a large number of postal card questionnaires having been sent out, has been very successful, Mr. Field reports. Over 50% of the cards have been returned, and a drive to get the remainder is now under way. The check-up, when completed, is expected to yield the most complete record of the alumni of the school that has ever been in the possession of the association.

Material gleaned from the questionnaires is being used as a basis for some of the copy for the new paper. While the material for the printer will be ready for the printer within a short time, at the present rate of progress, it is not planned to issue the paper until sometime between Easter and the association's annual meeting in June.

Record Christian Work February Issue Out

Volume 51, Number 2, February 1932 issue is out of the Record of Christian Work and an interesting issue it is. William Olney, Adam W. Burnett, G. Campbell Morgan, A. T. Robertson, Raymond Calkins and W. Douglas Mackenzie are contributors. To state that any article within its covers would make good reading would be to show a favoritism of one's taste in reading. All the articles have their appeal and merit thought. Incidentally the Record is making an appeal for funds to provide subscriptions to send the magazine to 257 Missionaries. Last year 1,105 Missionaries received the subscription gift but the amount of money received for this year's gift provides only for 848 of this number, therefore \$514 more is needed to provide for the Missionaries. Contributions are invited.

O. E. S. Officers Installed

Mrs. Maud M. Montague, deputy grand matron, assisted by Miss Marion E. Webster, deputy grand marshal, installed the officers of Northfield Chapter order of the Eastern Star at a public function on Wednesday evening in Masonic Hall on Parker Street.

The officers are: Alferda G. Matern, Worthy Matron; Sidney H. Given, Worthy Patron; Mildred Pearson, Associate Matron; Merritt C. Skilton, Associate Patron; Ethelnyd Sheldon, Conductress and Mrs. Sidney H. Given, Associate Conductress. After a regular meeting of the Lodge the invited guests assembled and witnessed the splendid but solemn ritual of installation. The lodge room was completely filled.

The Duleys On Trip

Prof. and Mrs. Frank L. Duley left East Northfield on Monday for an extended vacation period—on leave of absence until next September. With friends they will motor southward spending some time at Washington and at Jamestown and Williamsburg, Virginia and thence go on to Florida. From there they expect to go westward with the trail leading onward to New Mexico and Arizona. In Mr. Duley's absence the history classes at the Seminary will be conducted by Evelyn W. Smith, who was a member of the Latin department of the Seminary a few years ago.

The Citizens Candidates

Since the printing of the Caucus nominations in The Herald last week there has been some changes made in the slate of The Citizens' Committee. Mr. Galen Stearns did not accept the designation as constable, Mr. L. A. Webster declined the nomination for selectman and Mrs. Galen Stearns for School Committee. The completed list which will be presented to the voters next Monday will therefore be as follows:—Ralph O. Leach, Fred Davis, Waldo H. Stebbins, Selectmen; Josephine Haskell, town clerk; Charles Tenney, assessor; Fred Fox, tax collector; George N. Kidder, school committee; Dr. Allen H. Wright, Victoria Sankey, library trustees; George Kidder, cemetery commissioner; Francis Reed, tree warden; William Dalton, Harry Haskell, Sam Alexander and Max Huber constables.

Hermion Receives Bequest

Mr. Winfield Scott Moody who died March 24, 1931 has left an estate of over \$36,000 of which the Mount Hermion School for Boys is to receive the sum of \$8,906. A similar amount goes to the Berkshire Industrial farm at Canaan, N. Y. Mr. Moody was known as an author and editorial writer.

Miss Smith New Member Seminary Faculty

Miss Marie Scammell Lewis of Malverne, L. I., has come to Northfield Seminary as teacher of vocal music to fill the position left vacant by the recent death of Miss Eleanor P. Sands who had filled that position so acceptably. Miss Lewis is a singer of considerable experience and has sung in grand and light opera, glee clubs, and quartettes with appearance in every state of the Union except two. She has studied under Oscar Siegal, William Thorne D'Aitot in France and our own Arthur J. Phillips in New York. When Miss Lewis was interviewed the other day by the Editor of The Northfield Star she said "I like Northfield. I like what it stands for. I like the atmosphere. I like to work with the girls."

Dr. Brown Invited To Continue Pastorate

At a meeting of the First Congregational Church of Holyoke Monday evening it was unanimously voted to ask the Rev. Elliott W. Brown D. D., to remain as pastor for three years more. Dr. Brown has the invitation under consideration and will probably decide within a week or two. Since taking the pastorate three years ago the church has made notable progress in every department of its work and the call to continue is but one testimony of the people's loyalty to him and to Mrs. Brown.

The Northfield Schools Financial Needs

The work of maintaining the Northfield Seminary and Mount Hermion School through the years requires considerable work and effort upon those whose duty it is to secure the monies needed and assume the responsibility. At this time it is announced that \$60,000 more must be secured before June 30th to keep things moving. This amount will no doubt be secured but friends of the school should be ready to respond to the call and keep The Northfield Schools on the forward stride to continued success and prosperity.

Sears Roebuck

To Make Display

In Town Hall on Friday February 5th Miss Falvey of the Greenfield Electric Light and Power Co. will give an electrical demonstration of electric stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, sewing machines, vacuum cleaners, radios and other appliances. A meal will be prepared and several things cooked by Miss Falvey and her associate. Cards are being sent out to the women of Northfield and it is hoped there will be a good attendance to enjoy this opportunity. All the merchandise to be exhibited comes from the store of Sears Roebuck and Co. in Greenfield of which Mr. George S. Kenney is the local Manager.

Miss Pozzi To Speak Next Monday Evening

The Parent-Teacher Association announces Miss Mary Pozzi, Assistant State Specialist in Recreation and Home Economics, as the lecturer next Monday night at 8 o'clock in Alexander Hall. Miss Pozzi is continuing her course on Recreation in the Home, and all women, whether members or not, who are interested in making party favors and table decorations for parties, are urged to come. Bring scissors and any scraps of colored crepe paper you may have, and learn to make many delightful favors.

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Music will be furnished by Mrs. Gwendolene Hubbard of Sunderland, Contralto soloist in the First Church Holyoke. Accompanist Miss Anna Laura Kidder, of Amherst.

S. P. C. C. Meeting

The Annual Luncheon Meeting of the Directors of the Franklin District of the Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children S. P. C. C. was held at the Hotel Weldon Thursday January 28 at 12:30 o'clock P. M. In addition to the reports of the several officers, Miss Adelaide Hood, agent for this District gave a report of her work during the year, and Mr. R. S. Hubbard of the Boston office gave the first showing in this district of the Moving Picture "The Days of Childhood" which shows the work of the Society throughout the State.

All Pleased To Attend Martha Washington Party Of The Fortnightly

All parts of the town were well represented in a splendid co-operation to make the first bi-centennial Washington celebration in Northfield a success. The Fortnightly club was back of the celebration, and with their friends filled the Town Hall upon this occasion.

Owing to affairs of state demanding his attention George Washington could not be present but Martha Washington was there to preside in all her natural charm and dignity, and was the center of all the honors. Mrs. A. P. Pitt in her usual enthusiasm took this part most admirably, and looked regal in her beautiful gown. An aristocrat to the very core was Mary Ball Washington, the famous mother of George Washington, and she was well represented by Mrs. N. P. Wood who shared the honor of the occasion with the daughter-in-law, Martha Washington.

In a setting of handsome old rugs, shawls, lamps, and furniture to reproduce the aristocratic atmosphere of Mount Vernon, the Martha Washington Afternoon at Mount Vernon was a pleasure for all who attended.

Mrs. M. E. Vorce a veritable impersonation of Whittier's "My Mother," was interpreter for Martha Washington, and meditated with her over the lovely old pictures shown. Mrs. Robert Morris a friend of many years of Martha Washington the one who always sat at Mrs. Washington's right upon all state occasions—was here through Mrs. Mildred Pefferle.

In living pictures were seen the immediate family of the Washingtons. John Parke Custis at 6 years old, Richard Barrows; Martha Parke Custis, the daughter who passed out early in life, was represented by Rena Tyler; Elizabeth Parke Custis at 12 years Louis Whitman; Martha Parke Custis at 15 years Jean Gebel, and again as the married Mrs. Peter, Mrs. Ross Spencer. Martha Custis as a bride was recalled through Mrs. Willis Parker. Eleanor Calvert at 17 years when she married John Parke Custis, Katherine Gray; and again, as the young widow, Mrs. Mildred Addison, "Sister Nancy" the beloved, Mrs. C. C. Stearns; and the high bred beauty Nellie Custis, Priscilla Porter, who won every one's heart by her warm reviving personality. All these loaned a reality to the celebration.

The close friends of Martha Washington in the early years were Mrs. George W. Fairfax, Mrs. C. C. Morgan; Mrs. General Gates, Mrs. C. L. Gilbert; and Mrs. Warner Lewis, Mrs. J. W. Field, Betsy Schuyler, the southern beauty, Mrs. Walter Hyde, Mrs. Dr. Warren, Mrs. J. M. Whitmore, Fanny Bassett, May Thompson, and Martha Dandridge, Catharine Gray, were two favorite nieces who spent much time at Mt. Vernon.

Most of the famous "seven great revolutionists," as they were called, who in the different states were leaders in the great revolutionary times aiding Martha Washington in every possible way, were Mrs. Green, Mrs. Charles Leach, Abigail Adams, Mrs. Maud Hamilton, Sarah Bache, Mrs. E. F. Howard, Mrs. John Hancock, Mrs. F. H. Doolittle, Mrs. Geul Knox as she was when 25 years old, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, and again when she was 50 years, still the warm friend of the Washingtons, Mrs. C. H. Webster. The little fighter, who refused to drink the contraband tea, and at a big social function threw her tea out the window, Susan Boudinot was Dorothy Stone and the woman who for years kept Mt. Vernon running smoothly, Mrs. Lund Washington was seen through Mrs. H. F. Millard.

The famous Livingston Sisters: Sarah the beauty, Miss Marion Webster, Susan, the wit, Miss Ethelnyd Sheldon, "Kitty" who rode horse-back much with Lady Washington, Miss Julia Austin.

Several distinguished European friends who figured prominently in the life of the Washingtons were present for the afternoon: Mrs. Macaulay Graham, Mrs. Ambert G. Moody, Mrs. Liston, the wife of the Prime Minister, Mrs. William F. Hoehn. The Marchioness Brienne Mrs. Richard Holton; and Mrs. Carrington, Mrs. Herman Miner; who wrote a letter after her return to England, describing the fetching domesticity of Martha Washington, which description given in a tableau showing Martha with two pet children of her servants, one white one negro, teaching them to sew, while a

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Grange Has Installation

The officers of Northfield Grange were publicly installed last Tuesday evening by Fred R. Dole of Shelburne. Mr. Dole has recently been chosen president of the Franklin County Agricultural society. A large number of Grange members and friends were in attendance to witness the affair.

The following officers were inducted into office: Master, Mrs. Carroll Miller overseer, Carroll H. Miller, Lecturer, Mrs. Fred E. Wells; Chaplain, Mrs. W. A. Wright, Steward, Mark Wright; Treasurer, Alfred H. Matteson; Secretary, Mrs. John Cossett; Assistant Steward, E. L. Morse; Flora, Hazel Black; Ceres, Elizabeth Miller; Pomona, Rena Tyler; Gatekeeper, A. H. Farnum; Lady Asst. Steward, Mrs. Ralph Gibson; Executive Com. 3 years Fred E. Wells; Pianist, Mrs. Clifford Holton.

Annual Town Meeting Monday in Town Hall Large Attendance Expected

The annual town meeting of the town of Northfield will be held next Monday February first at 10 o'clock A. M. in the Town Hall and the Warrant has been properly posted by order of the Selectmen George W. Carr Edward M. Morgan and Ralph O. Leach.

There are 41 articles in the warrant to be considered as follows:—

ART. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2 To hear the reports of the several town officers and act thereon.

ART. 3 To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, the following to be on one ballot: Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen for one year, one Assessor for three years, one School Committee Member for three years, one Library Trustee for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, Tree Warden for one year, Tax Collector for one year, and four Constables for one year.

ART. 4 To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of taxes of the municipal year, to an amount not to exceed the tax, and to issue a note or notes hereafter payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this note or notes to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year, or act thereon.

ART. 5 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees or act thereon.

ART. 6 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

ART. 7 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for oiling, or using some other material to lay the dust on the principal streets or act thereon.

ART. 8 To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under article 44 at the annual meeting on Feb. 3, 1930, whereby they instructed the School Committee to furnish transportation for all scholars living 1½ miles or more from school, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 9 To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 10 To determine the salary of the Tax Collector or act thereon.

ART. 11 To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town or act thereon.

ART. 12 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth or act thereon.

ART. 13 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of a Community Nurse, or act thereon.

ART. 14 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in putting up railing or act thereon.

ART. 15 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3720, to pay the interest and note due on the Town Hall debt, or act thereon.

ART. 16 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500, for a reserve fund for the current year, or act thereon.

ART. 17 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of Cemeteries or act thereon.

ART. 18 To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works Division of Highways for repair and improvement of roads and Highways exclusive of State Highways and raise and appropriate the sum of \$175, per mile for that purpose, or act thereon.

ART. 19 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of Dickinson Memorial Library or act thereon.

ART. 20 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to co-operate with the State and County in building a section of permanent Highway on Mt. Hermion Station road in accordance with Chapter 90 of the General Laws or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 21 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day Exercises, the same to be expended under the direction of the Sons of Union Veterans and the American Legion or act thereon.

ART. 22 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$150, to co-operate with Mrs. Elmer Richards in building a sidewalk from the end of the walk in front of the Town Hall to the south side of the driveway to the Post-Office, or act thereon.

ART. 23 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$100, to organize and conduct a Dental Clinic or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 24 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500, for School Buildings repairs, or act thereon.

ART. 25 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair Shell Bridge floor or act thereon.

ART. 26 To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift from Alice L. (Continued On Page 11)

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EDITORIAL

The approach of another town meeting and the reading of the warrant as posted in the several places about the town has started the discussion of groups about town affairs. Opinions will be formed "for and agin" every proposition to be considered and we all will want to know what our neighbors think and how they will vote on this or that question. Human nature the same the world over will find us in Northfield as temperamental at this time but in the last analysis our sober judgment will prevail we will do nothing rash or unjust. It will be easy to vote appropriations but the tax payer should realize that every dollar voted affects his pocket-book at tax paying time—and be cautious. This is a time which calls for economy and as Governor Ely said recently, "We are faced with conditions today unprecedented in the history of Massachusetts. Our cities and towns find it nearly impossible to finance current expenditures. It is a sad reflection upon a system which for a century has been the model of government."

"City and town administrations have reflected the times. They have spent rather freely while income was plentiful. With a depression in industry and the consequent shrinking of revenues, with diminishing values, it is apparent that municipal budgets must be altered to meet these changed conditions."

The taxpayer with decreased income and some barely getting by will not act for unnecessary expenditures nor be lavish with public monies which must come after all out of his own pocket-book.

Mr. John Phelps' poem in last week's Herald and the article which followed has brought out a lot of comment by those who have read it. The Minute Men of Northfield in the Revolution should not be forgotten and an anxious public will be glad to learn more about these men and who they were who responded to the call from Lexington and marched forth as soldiers and founders of the nation.

There is an article in the warrant (No. 35) which calls for the erection of a fence on Pine Meadow road. From information gathered from those in a position to know the facts it would seem as useless to do this until something definite could be done to prevent the washing out of the road at this point along the river and the wearing away of the bank by high water. Perhaps it would be better to refer this matter to the Selectmen to consider.

Less than a year ago the newspapers of New York city devoted considerable space to the story of the discovery of several hundred thousand dollars in currency tucked away in the hotel room of the owner. Daily additions to the fund were reported until finally all of the money had been safely deposited in a bank.

This story would have attracted no interest except for the unusual amount, not so many years ago. It was no unusual incident when the parlor carpet revealed a few thousand dollars and the chimney contributed a few more. But in these more sensible times, this type of hoarding was a sensation and the authorities are inclined to question the sanity of anyone who buries coin.

In spite of this almost universal use of the facilities of banks as depositories, the bankers are finding that there have been recent withdrawals. Some of the money that has been withdrawn has undoubtedly gone into the savings department where deposits are larger but bank tellers are inclined to believe that much of the money is going into mattresses, under carpets or into the chimney.

Few people who withdraw cash from banks such as those in Western Massachusetts, fail to take into consideration the possibilities of total loss of their currency. Every day the papers record a case of such loss attributed to a scrutiny of withdrawals by crooks, or because of the foolish statement of the withdrawal by the depositor.

In the event of the loss of securities and cash which had been taken out of the depository, the owner would have absolutely no fair excuse for the lack of judgment displayed.

The People's Forum

To the Editor:

During this year when so much time and energy is directed to the George Washington celebrations, the minds of many are query as to who were my ancestors and what did they do in the making of America. This clipping from an Eastern Star magazine seems quite apropos.

If you could see your ancestors all standing in a row, Would you be proud of them or not, or don't you really know? Some strange discoveries are made in climbing family trees,

And some of them, you know, do not particularly please.

If you could see your ancestors all standing in a row, There might be some of them, perhaps, you wouldn't care to know. But here's another question, which requires a different view— If you could meet your ancestors would they be proud of you? Washingtonian.

To the Editor:

The article on the Center School playground project, which was reprinted in last week's Herald from the State Parent Teachers' Bulletin under the heading "Northfield as others See us in Action," has created state-wide interest, according to Miss Pozzi, of the State Extension Service.

The Northfield Parent-Teacher Association seems to be a pioneer in the field of equipping a playground with the help of the 4-H clubs, and we may well be proud of the progress Mr. Johnson and his club of boys have made in building apparatus for the Center School. This equipment is deserving of a permanent location, plans being made to cement all posts into place. Before this can be done, however, much filling and grading must be done behind the school to make level play areas, and for this reason the P. T. A. is sponsoring an article in the warrant, asking the town to raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose.

It is hoped that all interested citizens will vote for the appropriation at Town Meeting next Monday, and by that encouraging attitude help in completing such a playground, that we can show it to future inquiring visitors from other communities as "worthy of Northfield the Beautiful."

Parent-Teacher.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Town meeting with its many problems is near at hand. With this in mind I feel that a few facts concerning the transportation of school children may help us in our decision of the article relating to them.

Under the one and one half mile ruling it costs the town \$1,000.00 per year more than the two mile did. But to return to the two mile ruling it will eliminate seventeen families all over town with an approximate of thirty children. The Plains route will be eliminated entirely. Northfield Farms to the extent of seven families with fourteen children, and West Northfield to some extent.

It was thought that an arrangement could be made to carry small children over one mile and larger ones over two miles. This plan is not practical just now owing to added expense, but it should be given consideration. It is not a wise plan to be dickered with the transportation problem every year, and with that in mind we should consider it carefully, make a decision, and let it stand as such.

Philip Porter

To the Editor:

In regard to Article No. 8 in the Town Warrant concerning change in the transportation rules, I have been asked to state my views.

I am absolutely not in sympathy with any change, especially one which would seem to sacrifice health of the children for the small amount of money which would be saved.

Would suggest that the School Committee might better economize in some other of its departments.

R. O. Leach.

Regular Republican Candidates To Be Voted At Town Meeting

Town Clerk
Mrs. Josephine Haskell
Town Treasurer
Frank W. Williams
Selectmen
George W. Carr
Edward M. Morgan
Frank H. Montague
School Committee (three years)
Joseph F. Bittinger
Assessor (three years)
Clifford A. Field
Library Trustees (three years)
Dr. Allen H. Wright
Mrs. M. P. Stanley
Tax Collector
Leon R. Alexander
Tree Warden
Martin A. Jones
Constables
M. E. Vorce
T. F. Darby
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To the Voters of Northfield

Matters of vital importance are to come before the Voters of Northfield at the Annual Town Meeting, Monday, February 1, 1932 and every voter should make it his personal business to arrange to attend and cast his ballot and have a voice in the proceedings.

One of the most important matters to come before the voters is the so-called Inter-state Mortgage Holdings and The Herald takes this opportunity to place this proposition before the voters at this time, that they may know the facts as they are and prepare to meet the question in a fair and unbiased manner.

With the permission of the Selectmen, The Herald, prints herewith two letters from Mr. Charles Fairhurst together with his reports.

SELECTMEN GET COUNSEL'S REPORT ON INTER-STATE HOLDINGS OF TOWN

MATTER TO COME UP AT TOWN MEETING SITUATION CALLS FOR CAREFUL CONSIDERATION

HERALD PRINTS IN FULL

January 18, 1932.

Mr. George Carr, Chairman,
Board of Selectmen,
East Northfield, Mass.

Dear Mr. Carr:—

I promised that I would get to you before January 20th my written opinion and report with respect to the Interstate Mortgage holdings, so that you could have something to use and report at the coming annual election and Town Meeting.

I have spent considerable time in checking the statutes and decisions of this State, as well as those of other States, in order to learn definitely what the law might be relative to a situation such as is found in your town. From everything that I can find, however, it would seem that Mr. Williams without doubt is holden for any loss in these investments.

The vote which was passed at the May meeting last year is quite strong as it directs your Board to employ counsel to protect the interests of the Town in its trust funds. That vote is probably broad enough to make it mandatory on the part of counsel to see to it that these funds are disposed of and the proceeds invested in legal investments. However, it seemed to me that your Board ought not to attempt to go quite that far. It would be far better to leave the entire matter to the Town and see what the Town would do after they had the entire matter fully set forth before them.

Personally, my sympathies are with Mr. Williams as he has done no different than many another man would have done in making these investments, but I don't suppose my personal opinion in that respect means anything. The Town has the right, if it so desires, to order those funds immediately turned and the proceeds put into proper legal investments. To that end, I have given you what I find to be the law so that the whole matter can be laid before the Town and I have suggested a vote which ought to be passed if the people of your Town feel that they are going to saddle this entire matter on the Town Treasurer.

So that your Board could be free from any criticism, and so that the people may know that you are giving them everything that you have learned, I make this suggestion, that your report to the Town of your doings with respect to these Interstate Mortgage holdings can take the form of the other letter from me to your Board, which sets forth the whole thing in detail. You could include that letter, either in your Annual Report as a part of the Selectmen's Report, or if you wanted, a special pamphlet could be prepared for the use of the townspeople. In view of the fact that I make mention in the letter that I have given you individual reports with reference to each one of these loans, I make the suggestion that if you see fit to publish that letter as your report, that you attach to the letter and print as well copies of my individual reports to your Board on these loans. Then the people would know just as much about all of these loans as your Board does, and they have the legal slant and angle on it as well. Then they could make up their minds as to just what they wanted to do, and your Board would be concealing nothing whatever from them.

I do think that it would be wise for you, in making up your warrant for the Town Meeting, to insert an article such as I have mentioned in my letter, which will take care of that phase of it, provided the people of the Town see fit to order these funds re-invested.

However, if they should turn that particular article, down, it would be well to have another article in the warrant so that the funds could be protected, and I would suggest that you also put into your town warrant an article similar to the following:—

"To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money to protect its trust fund holdings."

I should think that there ought to be an appropriation, say, of approximately \$1000.00 so that there will be ample money to take care of the things that might arise during the year, and this will avoid the necessity of calling later town meetings to appropriate any

monies that may be needed. In other words, you will recollect, on one of your loans—the Thompson loan—it may be necessary to immediately spend some money to take up some taxes, and possibly to hire somebody out there to clear up the tax situation. Taxes on some of the other properties and insurance may have to be paid during the year; otherwise, the loan may become impaired. I think that with a vote such as this, authorizing the expenditure of any monies that may be necessary to protect your trust fund holdings, would be sufficient.

I hope that I have made all matters clear, but if there is anything that disturbs at all, don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Very truly yours,

CF—OKB

(Signed) CHARLES FAIRHURST.

January 18, 1932

Board of Selectmen,
Northfield, Mass.

Gentlemen:—

At a Special Town Meeting held May 25, 1931, it was voted:

"That the Town do instruct the Selectmen to employ counsel to protect the interests of the Town in its Trust Funds."

You directed my attention to trust holdings of the Town known as "Western Mortgages" which had been sold to the Town by the Interstate Mortgage Trust Company. These were divided and held as follows:—

The Dickinson Memorial Library Trust Fund

Francis Mortgage Loan \$1100.00 date Oct. 17, 1929
Williams Mortgage Loan \$900.00 dated Nov. 25, 1922
Thompson Mortgage Loan \$1200.00 dated June 1, 1927
Scanlin Mortgage Loan \$1400.00 dated May 16, 1927
Nighswonger Mortgage Loan \$2400.00 dated Feb. 16, 1922; and assigned to the Town March 18, 1922.

The Center Cemetery Trust Fund

Carter Mortgage Loan \$1000.00 dated Dec. 16, 1925
Webster Mortgage Loan \$2000.00 dated July 7, 1925

The Center School Trust Fund

Jones Mortgage Loan \$1000.00 dated Dec. 16, 1925

You tell me that the present Town Treasurer, Frank W. Williams, first qualified as Town Treasurer on April 3, 1922, and that he has since held that office.

I understand that it has been the practice for years and prior to the election of Mr. Williams as Town Treasurer, to invest a part of the Town's trust funds in mortgages of the Interstate Mortgage Trust Company. Some of the present mortgage holdings as above listed were renewals of similar loans held by the Town in former years, it being customary as a loan matured to allow it to be replaced by a renewal of the loan, or a new mortgage loan of similar amount.

These mortgages were represented to be first mortgages on either city or farm property in Oklahoma or Arkansas, and were sold as such by the Interstate Mortgage Trust Company, which company guaranteed the payment of interest on the loans, and also saw to the collection of the interest and principal from the western borrower, and generally looked after all details in connection with the loan.

Over a period of forty (40) years this company operated, selling many of these loans, totalling several millions of dollars, to individuals, trusts, churches and municipalities. About a year ago the company itself was petitioned into bankruptcy, making it necessary for holders of these mortgages to protect their own interests by seeing individually to the collection of interest, the proper fire insurance protection on the loan, the payment of taxes on the mortgaged property, and those other things that careful investors would do to protect their own interests if they were holders of a mortgage on another's property.

The holders of these mortgages are in no different position today than they would be if the Interstate Company was still operating. They have no more and no less than they formerly had, save only the guarantee of interest by the Interstate Company, and the extra work now necessitated of looking after their own mortgages.

Whether the mortgages will ultimately and at maturity be paid is problematical. Time alone will tell. Poor crop and price conditions in the southwest have contributed to affect market values appreciably. Bank

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Influence of The Motion Picture

Woman Speaks:
Well Known in Northfield

At a large meeting of the Brattleboro Woman's Club held last week, Mrs. Jeannette W. Emrich of New York who is well known in Northfield among our summer people spoke upon Motion Pictures.

"I believe there is no greater influence on youth today outside of the home and schools than the motion picture," declared Mrs. Emrich. She is an assistant in the public relations department of the Motion Pictures Producers and Distributors.

Mrs. Emrich admitted the justification of those who criticize the type of many motion pictures produced today, but declared: "There is no virtue in an attitude which begins and often ends in throwing up one's hands in despair. Futile gestures do not correct situations. Only through organized effort of interested women will this much needed reform be brought about. The speaker lauded the work of the Catholic Women's league, which has succeeded in welding its influence very successfully in this field.

Interesting sidelights on the recent developments in the third largest industry in the world—motion pictures—were explained by Mrs. Emrich. "In 10 or 15 years from now," she declared, "schools will be using visual education methods. The gradual strides made in the development of visual education pictures has been made since the invention and improvement of sound equipment. The possibilities of this new system of instruction are limitless. Already many prisons have adopted visual educational methods with success.

"Those who are horrified at some pictures shown on the silver screen today must consider the affirmative side of the question as well as the negative. The possibilities of the right utilization of motion pictures include the projection of war pictures to impress upon youth the futility of war; the showing of pictures of famous people and places to familiarize all with the current events of the world and the presentation of music, etc., to broaden their appreciation of art.

In presenting arguments of the negative side Mrs. Emrich admitted that the most bitter criticism of the cinema today is exaggerated, but that there is opportunity for much reform. "Too much emphasis has been placed on sex in many pictures," she said. The personal tastes of the producer of the picture is a strong influence in the type of picture produced. As soon as organized criticism sufficiently impresses these directors that the public insists upon clean shows, they will be given wholesome pictures. The present system of censorship of movies is many times inadequate, the snipping and cutting of parts of the films not improving the picture to any marked degree. "What we have got to do," Mrs. Emrich declared, "is to so register our opinion for the best type of pictures that the producer will know that if he offers some vulgar thing he will have no sale.

In defending the many pictures of crime activities, the speaker said: "Crime pictures are not responsible for the existence of crime in the country today, as many insist. The real reason for crime is the looseness of the courts. Moving pictures are not the cause but the expression of what is going on in the country—the phases of national life. The only way the movie fan can have any peace of mind is to learn discrimination and use this same discrimination in deciding what pictures our children shall see."

State Primaries, April 26

The Secretary of State of Massachusetts has issued the schedule of the political calendar for the 1932 presidential primaries.

Nominations for delegates-at-large are made by nomination papers signed by at least 1000 voters, not more than 250 from any one county. Such voters must either be enrolled in the party for which the nomination is made, or not enrolled in any other party. The number of signatures required on the nomination papers for districts follows for Western Massachusetts: 1st congressional district: 250; 2d, 175; 3d, 250; 4th, 155. Blank nomination papers will be supplied by the secretary's elections division upon request.

Dates for primary nomination papers are given thus:—

February 26, March 4, 11, 18; Registrars of voters, or election commissioners, are required to hold meetings to certify names on primary nomination papers on four Fridays preceding March 22.

March 18: 5 p. m., last day and hour for filing primary nomination papers for certification of names with election commissioners of registrars of voters.

March 22: 5 p. m., last day and hour for filing primary nomination papers with state secretary.

March 25: 5 p. m., last day and hour for filing withdrawals of, or objections to nominations with state secretary.

March 29: 5 p. m., last day and hour for filing vacancies caused by withdrawals.

April 26: Presidential primaries.

Sheriff Doane Speaks

Over at Orange at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club our good Northfield friend and neighbor Mr. Fred L. Doane, Sheriff of Franklin county and keeper of the Greenfield jail spoke interestingly at its weekly luncheon last Tuesday noon in the vestry of the Universalist church. He told for the most part of the work which has been accomplished in the county prison during the eight years he has been in charge. Much has been

done to develop the farm end of the institution with the result that each year the returns from this service help considerably in the upkeep of the institution. There were only three or four cows at the farm when Mr. Doane went there but at the present time there are 34 head. Much is done with gardens and in producing hay. The largest amount turned back to the county commissioners in any one year was \$11,000 in 1920 while the amount in 1931 was \$3,000. There is a business depression at the county jail as there is everywhere else. There are 81 cells in the jail, 15 of which are for women but the women inmates are few. There are seldom over three at a time there and just now there isn't a single one. There are 31 men confined there at the present and they have to spend most of the time in their cells because business conditions provide little work for them. The smallest number of prisoners at the jail was in 1920, when only eight responded to the roll call. At that time there was some agitation to close the jail but soon afterwards the "register" showed an increase in numbers, and all talk of going out of business ceased. Sheriff Doane's talk was keenly enjoyed and his many friends were glad of the opportunity to welcome him to Orange.

Civil Service Exams

The United States Civil Service Commission will hold an open competitive examination for the position of clerk and foot carrier in the post-office service in East Northfield, Mass. In making appointments from the register established as a result of this examination certification will first be made of eligibles readily available for employment; that is, of those who live in the place of the vicinity of the place of employment. Non-local eligibles will not be considered for appointment unless the register of local eligibles is exhausted.

Regular positions with full time service are seldom filled by direct appointment from eligible registers. Eligibles are first appointed as substitutes and are required to be available to render service whenever needed. Vacancies in the regular force are filled by the promotion of the senior substitutes. The salaries for regular employees range from \$1700 to \$2100 per annum. These positions are permanent during good behavior. Retirement on an annuity is provided for at 65 years of age or in the case of total disability. Compensation during disability for injuries received in the service is allowed and annuities are given to dependents in case of death as a result of such injury.

Fifteen days' vacation with full pay is allowed with an addition of ten days' sick leave with pay.

For further information address the Secretary of the Board of United States Civil Service Examiners at the post-office named above, or the District Manager, First United States Civil Service District, Customhouse Tower, Boston, Massachusetts.

As the receipt of applications will close on February 5, 1932. They must be filed with the District at Boston on or before that date.

High School Notes

Students Study Politics
Organize Independent Caucus

The Independents of Northfield (members of the Problems of Democracy Class) held their annual caucus on last Friday afternoon in the main room of the High School.

The committee was composed of: Chairman Victor Vaughn, Secretary, Virginia Mann; Members, Dorothy Stone, Grace MacGowan, Robert Shearer.

Norman Miller was elected moderator for the meeting. Ralph and Raymond Kervian were appointed tellers. Christine Gray was elected as clerk for the meeting.

The following Town officers were nominated. Because of her ability in writing Jean Giebel was nominated for Town Clerk, Victor Vaughn, treasurer, because of his honest looks. The select-women were nominated as follows: Miss Austin, Grace MacGowan and Elizabeth Auclair.

The School committee nominee was Christine Gray for having the most brilliant head (red hair) in the class. Because of her ability to keep order Dorothy Quinlan was nominated as Librarian with her assistant Raymond Kervian. Virginia Mann on board of assessors because she knows how to figure. Dorothy Stone is a great girl for reading murder stories and not minding them, therefore we decided she would serve well as Cemetery Commissioner. Miss Lawley was nominated as Tax Collector, tree warden, Ralph Kervian because of his experience climbing the great trees of California. Constables—East Northfield wants a big strong man—Charles Krause was nominated, Northfield Farms wants a man with a face like a Sphinx—Kenneth Leach was nominated. Mr. "Daddy" Baxter was third constable because of his long services at High School, Serving as Northfield constable—Miss Matthews was chosen.

The meeting adjourned and the listeners enjoyed a rare entertainment.

Nearly seventy dollars was made on the school play, "It's a Ming!" This money goes to the Washington Trip fund for the Seniors.

The lunch Friday consisted of cream crabmeat on toast and cream cheese and pineapple salad. Wednesday we had scalloped potatoes with cold ham and date tapioca pudding.

The third meeting of the high school orchestra was held Wednesday afternoon at 3:00. Martha Stebbins, LaBelle, and Miller have violins; Vaughn, a cornet; Beryl James, a saxophone; Edith Tenney, a slide trombone. Lois Giebel, a trumpet and M. Urganiewicz and Jean Giebel, guitars.

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TO THE VOTERS OF NORTHFIELD

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failures and lack of money make it difficult to re-finance loans that mature. If conditions improve and values return, many of the hundreds of loans now held in the east will be paid without a penny of loss.

In the interests of many of these investors I spent nearly all Summer in that territory, arranging for the execution of the necessary assignments to legally place on record these mortgages so that they would stand in the names of the individual holders. Insurance policies were properly made payable to these holders rather than to the Interstate Company, taxes and titles were checked, and available information as to the borrower, his property, conditions, local and general, were obtained, so that holders would know how to proceed to handle and protect their mortgage holdings.

While there I included these trust holdings of your Town in that work and I have given you an individual report on each loan so that you may know its status. Some of them look as though they will work out without difficulty, others need attention else there is a good likelihood that the mortgage security will become less valuable or lost entirely.

Whether the Town shall see to the further protection of these loans will depend largely on the Town action as to whether the Town wishes to keep these securities as a part of its trust funds.

You have asked me whether these loans are legal and proper investments for your Town, and if not; to suggest the proper action to take to see to it that they are removed from the invested funds of your Town.

I direct your attention to **General Laws Chapter 41, Section 46**, which provides that:—

"the Town Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds and securities of such trust funds (that is, all trust funds given or bequeathed for the benefit of the Town or the inhabitants thereof) and shall invest and re-invest them."

General Laws Chapter 44, Section 54, provides that:

"trust funds, including cemetery perpetual care funds, unless otherwise provided or directed by the donors thereof, shall be placed at interest in savings banks, trust companies incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth, or National Banks, or invested by cities or towns in securities which are legal investments for savings banks."

General Laws Chapter 168, Section 54 provides that:

"Deposits and income derived therefrom shall be (by savings banks) invested only as follows:—

In certain first mortgages on real estate located in this Commonwealth, municipal, railroad, telephone, gas and electric light company bonds and obligations, and various other securities."

An Interstate Mortgage Trust Company mortgage or bond, so-called, on southwestern real estate is not included in the Statute, and such a mortgage would not be a legal investment for a Massachusetts savings bank to make, hence it is not a legal investment for your Town to make from its trust funds.

It is my opinion that the Town Treasurer had no legal right to invest the trust funds in such mortgages, nor should any matured mortgages (so invested by any predecessor) have been replaced by reinvestment with renewal or new mortgages.

I understand that in 1925 the State Director of Accounts in his report to your Board recommended that an effort be made to re-invest the trust securities in such securities as are legal investments for savings banks.

It is further my opinion that a Town Treasurer who invests or re-invests said trust funds in violation of the above Statute is personally responsible to the Town for any loss which the Town may suffer by reason thereof.

There seems to be a much more strict and severe rule which governs Town Treasurers and Trustees of Savings Banks, than applies to the ordinary trustees of an estate. Whereas an ordinary trustee is held simply to exercise a sound judgment and a reasonable and prudent discretion in making his investments, and is not personally liable for loss in investments if that judgment is exercised, it seems that those who are directed by statute to invest funds only in certain securities are personally responsible for a loss if they fail to follow the statutory mandate.

Greenfield Savings Banks vs. Abercrombie 211 Mass. 252

These restrictions on investments are placed by the Legislature and must be observed.

In similar manner, trust companies with Savings Departments are directed to invest their Savings Department monies in securities which are legal investments for savings banks.

See General Laws Chapter 172, Section 61

And the directors of such trust companies who ignore this statutory mandate are held personally responsible for losses.

Prudential Trust Co. vs. McCarter 271 Mass. 132

I have been asked whether the Town by accepting the Town Treasurer's annual report and by accepting the benefits of these investments has approved or ratified the investments.

I am of opinion that the investments being illegal, that is, violative of the statute law, they cannot be ratified or approved.

Twombly vs. Billerica 262 Mass. 220
Commissioner of Banks vs. Tremont Trust Co.
259 Mass. 179

Not only is such an investment illegal, but a criminal penalty attaches for a violation of the law.

See Acts of 1926, Chapter 248

And in addition, the Attorney-General has authority to petition the Court to compel a town officer to conform to the law.

See General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 59

The responsibility of a Town Treasurer is heavy. He is liable for all funds, whether they be stolen from him or from his office, or destroyed by fire or otherwise.

Mansfield vs. Hansford 250 Mass. 560

But see Acts 1929, Chapter 81

It is my opinion, therefore, that the Town could if it saw fit pass a vote directing the Town Treasurer within a stipulated time to dispose of all trust funds not legally invested, which he personally had so invested or re-invested, and to re-invest the proceeds in legal securities. If at the expiration of such time the securities had not been turned, the attention of the Attorney-General could be called to the matter with a request for such action as would be appropriate to bring it about.

If a loss to the Town resulted in turning such securities, the Treasurer would be personally answerable for that loss.

As you probably know, there is no market for these securities at this time, and action such as this would make it necessary no doubt for the Treasurer personally to take over all of these mortgages.

A suitable article to carry out the above thought could be as follows:—

"To see whether the Town will vote to direct the Town Treasurer within 60 days from this date to dispose of all trust fund holdings of the Town known as Interstate Mortgage Trust Company notes and mortgages, which were purchased for investment or re-investment since April 3, 1922, and to re-invest the proceeds in legal investments; to authorize the Selectmen to take such steps as may be deemed expedient to compel compliance with the laws relative to the investment of town trust funds, and to take such steps as may be deemed expedient to recover any loss resulting from such investment."

Very truly yours,

CF—CKB

(Signed) CHARLES FAIRHURST.

REPORT

Dickinson Memorial Library Belcher Trust Fund \$1100
Loan No. 18075. An abstractor of Franklin County represents to me that he finds nothing of record to impair the title except that the property has been sold for non-payment of taxes. It can be redeemed however, and if done reasonably soon it will cost about \$16. Taxes are paid except as above.

From my investigation, I would say the property was fairly worth about your loan value, at least it ought to bring it. All values are down in this county and it is particularly hard to sell any property at this time. The same things that I have mentioned with respect to your Williams loan applies equally well as to this loan which is in the same county. This man is about ready to give up and let you have the property if you want it. I would suggest that if he doesn't pay this fall, you have someone locally try to see if somebody can be found who will take over the property, keep it up and try to pay the current charges, and if you want that I should do that at any time let me know and I'll get in touch with some person there and see if it can be worked out. If we have to foreclose then to give a title it can be done, and in the meantime the purchaser can be signed to a contract to take title subject to the foreclosure.

Dickinson Memorial Library Belcher Trust Fund \$1200
Loan No. 17016. An abstractor of Wagoner County represents to me that he finds nothing of record to impair the title except that the property has been sold for taxes. Taxes are paid except as above.

From my investigation, I would say the property was fairly worth about the value of your loan under present conditions. This loan looks as though it might cause trouble, and it will need the services of someone locally to look after it, or there is danger of losing the loan. The Thompsons live on the place and work it. They are colored. In the last few years they have been slipping financially, and I learn that mortgages on other property of Jane Thompson have been foreclosed. There is a record within the last two years of three foreclosures on her property. They still owe the Interstate Co., for a balance of the June 1930 interest on this loan. The tax situation is bad. The county treasurer reports to me that there are outstanding taxes on the property of 1927-28-29-30. It seems that the 1927 taxes were assessed not only on this forty acres, but on other land as well. It was all assessed together. The property was sold for this tax to J. C. Stith. He is represented by J. D. Eads of 108 Grover St. Warrensburg, Missouri. It seems that Eads' client had a mortgage on eighty acres of land owned by Jane Thompson. This mortgage was foreclosed, and in perfecting the title, they found that their eighty acres and your forty acres in 1927 were assessed to-

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(Special to the Northfield Herald)

WASHINGTON.—A good place for reforms to begin is at home. Thus, in substance, runs an old adage. And hence my charitable belief that by facing Mr. Hoover's economy program and facing it whole, the Congress could do nothing better at the outset than to curtail the expensive business of printing its own extended remarks.

I am referring to that compendious daily volume known as the Congressional Record. Two-thirds of it is just a waste of pulp paper and printer's ink. The members of Congress will themselves know what I mean. For the uninitiated, let it be explained that the "extended remarks" we hear so much about are the speeches in Congress that are never delivered.

The gentleman from Massachusetts or Squeedunk gets up in the course of a debate and asks the gentleman from White Horse a hypothetical question which Plato himself couldn't understand, much less answer. The Speaker bangs the gavel and tells the gentleman from Squeedunk that his time is up, and the gentleman then asks the privilege to revise and extend his remarks. Nobody objects and it is so ordered.

BY THE time the gentleman gets through revising and extending the original "speech" wouldn't recognize itself coming down the same side of the street? But the speech is then run off, one for every customer in the gentleman's district, and sent back home so that the people will have proof that their representative took no back talk from anybody.

There is as much platitudinous flapping in most of these "extended remarks" speeches as there is in a syndicated editorial and about as much wisdom as there is in a book on New Thought or in a funeral sermon on the late Senator Whooziz. Some of it is even worse than the free verse hokum written by aesthetes who make no compromise with the public taste.

I'm not proposing a censorship. I should merely like to see three or four good rewrite men let loose to boil down the remarks. The minutes of the sessions would not suffer a bit if most of the long-winded speeches were covered by the brief notation, "The gentleman from California spoke at length. Since everybody would be guessing how long that was, the Record would have some value as a medium of entertainment. Simon and Schuster might even be induced to take it on as an annual Cross-Word Puzzle Book. There will be no end of cross words in it this session.

GOVERNMENT waste of funds on Folders was hit hard in the Senate by Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi. Pamphlets issued by departments and bureaus on every subject under the sun came in for some scathing comments. Harrison read a list of some of the subjects discussed, causing a roar of laughter from his colleagues when he referred to one pamphlet entitled "Utilization of Calcium in Spinach." "Would you believe it?" he asked. "They went to all the trouble and expense to get out a treatise on the love adventures of the American bullfrog! In another one called 'Children's Rompers,' they have a lot of pictures."

The Mississippian said that appropriations for such work should be lopped off, and went on record as favoring reduction of Federal salaries. "If it is necessary to balance the budget," he said, "I am willing to vote to reduce wages of government employees. Much as I dislike to do that, I am nevertheless willing to reduce my own salary more than I reduce theirs."

PRESIDENT HOOVER has advocated reorganization and consolidation of Federal bureaus as one to effect economies. Scattered efforts and overlapping, he asserted, should be eliminated. Concentrated administration, he held, would enable policies in connection with different Government activities to be better developed and better directed. He cited as an example the fact that ten different agencies engaged in constructive activities at the present time all have separate headquarters in Washington, thus contributing to the needless expense that is continually going on.

Consolidation of veterans' agencies into a Veterans' Administration has resulted in a saving of \$10,000,000 or \$15,000,000, and the President cited this item to show what can be done in other directions if Congress will act on his suggestions.

THE DEMOCRATS will do nothing to "disturb business," of this we are assured by the conservative attitude of the Democratic spokesmen in dealing with the tax subject. The tax revision program outlined by Majority Leader Rainey is too conservative even for the conservative Undersecretary of the Treasury Ogden Mills. Mr. Mills served notice that the Democratic program "will not provide the necessary revenue and is wholly inadequate to meet the fiscal situation."

The chief argument advanced here against heavy assessments in the high brackets is that there are no longer any heavy incomes. To let some people tell it, large incomes have vanished completely and a dismal picture is being painted of the big fellows who are now on the down-grade. Propaganda is at work to convince the rest of us that the wealthy are now impoverished. All that is lacking in

the picture is the tin cup and the blind man's sign.

CHAIRMAN COLLIER of the House Ways and Means Committee says that paring of Government expenditures would produce only an inconsiderable proportion of what is needed. He opposes cutting of salaries and makes haste to assure business that the tax program is not designed to make the commercial world uneasy. The main effort must be in the direction of reaching incomes in the high brackets, he thinks; and that will probably be the method which Congress will pursue.

Gift and inheritance taxes will be slapped on without much debate. By the time a fellow's estate is to be picked for an inheritance tax, it is too late for him to resent the cutting by threatening to withhold campaign contributions to either party. If you know what I mean.

MAKE NO mistake, a juicy plum that is going to be picked for what it will yield toward cutting down the deficit is the radio. The powers that be in broadcasting have had a soft time of it so far as taxes are concerned. But not any more. They are going to be made to disgorge some of their fat profits.

The Treasury already has proposed tentatively that a nominal tax be imposed on retail sales of receiving sets. For some unaccountable reason Mr. Mellon's department does not mention taxing any of the millions earned by the chain broadcasting station, or any other station for that matter.

The broadcasters have begun to fight against the suggestion that they be taxed. They are saying that the radio is not a luxury and should therefore not be afflicted with a sales tax. They are saying that radio fills a vital need in the lives of the people and is really contributing to the maintenance of our American standard of living.

THE RADIO monopolists here have set up their machinery to wage a real fight, and they will move heaven and earth to block any and all proposals to impose a tax schedule.

Make no mistake, broadcasting is the bird from which a lot of revenue gravy is going to be fried. All this talk about radio's being a vital part of American living has nothing to do with the proposal that the broadcasters pay a fair tax on their huge private profits. But this they don't intend to do if they can help it. My guess is that when the facts are fully known they'll be made to come across just like everybody else.

(Ventura Free Press Service)

South Vernon

The P. T. A., will hold a card party at the Pond School house next week Tuesday February 2nd at eight o'clock.

A Costume Valentine Social will be held by the P. T. A., at the South School house next week Tuesday February 2 at 7.30 p.m. A small admission fee will be charged.

The service at the South Vernon Church next Sunday will be at: 10.45 a.m., Sermon by the pastor, Rev. George A. Gray; 12.15 p.m., Church School; 7 p.m., Praise Service 7.30 p.m., Sermon by the pastor; 7.30 p.m., Thursday mid-week service at the Vernon Home; 7.30 p.m., Friday Choir rehearsal at the parsonage.

Two excellent sermons were preached by the pastor last Sunday both morning and afternoon. At the morning service Mr. Gray spoke on the subject, "Give God a Chance." A beautiful duet was sung by Miss Dorothy Gray and Mrs. Gladys Shattuck, with Mrs. Gordon Reed at the piano. In the evening Mr. Gray spoke on "The Prayer that Registers with God." This was a solemn service at the close a most solemn and beautiful duet was sung by Miss Eleanor Brown and Miss Dorothy Gray. "Why Not Now, Why do you wait dear brother, Why do you tarry so long." This was a very touching and solemn service, especially the after service.

Quite a lot of the townspeople gathered at the parsonage Monday evening to attend the excellent entertainment and social that was given by the W. H. & F. M. Society. Rev. George A. Gray announced the program. The program was opened by the audience singing several pieces accompanied by Mrs. Gray at the piano and Miss Dorothy Gray on her cello.

Several beautiful duets were sung by Mrs. Gladys Shattuck and Mrs. Jennie Warnock of Northfield, Mass., with Miss Gray at the piano. Mrs. Shattuck sang the soprano and Mrs. Warnock accompanied her by whistling, which sounded like the beautiful songs of a canary. Humorous readings were given by Mrs. W. N. Dunklee and Miss Eleanor Brown. Two pretty solos were sung by Mrs. Foley. Piano solos were played by Miss Dorothy Gray. If any one song was better than another, it was the beautiful duet sung by Rev. and Mrs. Gray which ended the program. All received hearty encores. After this several different games were played among them was the "Bird Contest," the first prize being won by Mrs. Mary Cowles and the Booby Prize by Mrs. M. H. Brown. In the "Song Contest," the first prize was won by Mrs. Gladys S. Shattuck and the booby prize by Mrs. M. H. Brown.

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Winchester

Miss Maxine Smith of Keene Normal was ill at her home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hill are moving from the Methodist parsonage to Peabody.

Miss Gates who has been with Miss Gurnzey for sometime is now visiting in Worcester.

Miss Helen Drugg of the Keene High School Staff was at her home this week with a hard cold.

Mrs. Ella Francis of Keene spent the week-end with her mother Mrs. Nettie Young.

Miss Vera Drugg is with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drugg for an indefinite stay.

Miss Helen Lightbody the coach for the Women's Club play, "Corp. Egan," is staying at Riverside Farm North Main Street.

The Winchester A. A. will play Garden A. C. at the Town Hall on Friday evening. Winchester A. A. defeated Keene on Friday with a score of 51-29.

Master Cornelius Wood entertained five friends, Walton Thompson, Sherwood Weeks, William King, Charles Drugg, Harold Hollingsworth at the Strand Theatre on Saturday evening in honor of his tenth birthday.

The Men's Club of the Federated Church will have a minstrel show on Feb. 26 in the Town Hall. At the Congregational Church the same evening a chowder supper will be served by the Ladies Society.

The Rebecca's held a military whist at their rooms on Tuesday evening enough being present for sixteen tables. The prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Cota, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bullock, Mrs. Ethel Goldsmith, Lena Donovan, Beatrice Young, Metalina Hollingsworth.

The Winchester Women's Club will give on Feb. 4-5 the comedy "Corp. Egan," with a cast of 150 people. Those taking important parts are: Harry Bennett as "Corp. Egan," Stanley Blanchard as "Izzy Goldstein," Charles Drugg as the hard boiled sergeant. The ladies of the cast are: Mrs. Marion Gray, Mrs. Isabel Clements, Mrs. Marion Wood and Miss Paulina Proctor.

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TO THE VOTERS OF NORTHFIELD

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gether, since the entire 120 acres belonged to Jane Thompson. To clear the title on their eighty acres they had to buy the tax title to the entire 120 acres, which they did at a cost of \$230.63. They report that one third of this sum is a lien on your forty acres, and are willing to give a release of that forty for one third of what they had to pay i. e., \$76.88 plus \$1, cancellation fee. The entire taxes from 1927 to 1930 were reported to me by the county treasurer as \$401.82, but if it is possible to settle with Stith for the sum he wants, it may be possible to shade this figure some.

Thompson told me, however, that there was a mistake in the county treasurer's office, inasmuch as he had paid his 1927 and 1928 taxes on this forty acres. He could not find his receipts when I was there, but he promised to locate them and send them to me. Whereas I have pressed him for them they have not come in. Something must be done about this very soon, because Eads is getting impatient, and according to the record it looks dangerous, for by that record he has bought the tax title.

Right now you probably could not sell this place for the loan, but if there could be a return to reasonably normal conditions, with a year or two of good crop and price conditions, there might be some demand for farm property, and this place would sell for more money. It is a pure gamble, for by putting more money into the loan, you take a chance on property values someday coming back.

Thompson has been relying pretty much on this year's crop to help him out of his financial difficulties, and whereas the crop is good the price is low, so that he will not be able to make much progress this year.

If you want me to get someone locally to adjust this tax situation, let me know right away as I must answer Eads and tell him what you plan to do.

Dickinson Memorial Library Belcher Trust Fund \$2400
Loan No. 14752. An abstractor of Harmon County represents to me that he finds nothing of record to impair the title MEMO: The owner Mr. Smith has an agent, W. J. Coke, at Eldorado, Okla., who looks after the place for him. Taxes are paid.

From my investigation, I would say the property was fairly worth about \$2000. to \$2500. under present conditions. This section was hit by the drouth last year and this farm among others was caught. This place could not be cashed today for the loan due to unusual conditions, which have depreciated all farm properties, but there is reason to believe that the loan will work out all right. The owner has carried this property for several years and her interest and tax payments have always been met without trouble.

Dickinson Memorial Library Belcher Trust Fund \$1400
Loan No. 17002. An abstractor of Oklahoma County represents to me that he finds nothing of record to impair the title. Taxes are paid except the last 1/2 of the 1930 taxes of \$34.82.

From my investigation, I would say the property was fairly worth about \$1500. to \$2000. under present conditions. I find that values are off all through this section due to general economic conditions. Normally the place would have a better value and as conditions improve added value will return to this loan and you will have a bigger margin of safety. Gordon bears a good reputation, and I find that he has been prompt in the payment of his interest at all times to the company. This loan looks all right and I believe that it will work out without loss.

Center School Fund \$1000
Loan No. 16332. An abstractor of Madison County represents to me that he finds nothing of record to impair the title except that the property has been sold to the state for non-payment of taxes. It is possible to redeem from this sale, however, and if done reasonably soon it will cost about \$16. This is nothing that should cause alarm at this particular time.

From my investigation, I would say the property was fairly worth about \$1500. under present conditions. This loan looks all right and I believe it will work out without loss.

Dickinson Memorial Library Belcher Trust Fund \$900
Loan No. 15055. An abstractor of Franklin County represents to me that he finds nothing of record to impair the title except that the property has been sold for taxes. It is possible to redeem from such sale, and and if done reasonably soon will cost about \$33. Taxes are paid except as above.

From my investigation, I would say the property was fairly worth about \$500. to \$750. under present conditions. This property is not too good. It is not well located and has been allowed to run down. Williams was sick for some time, but died in Sept. 1930. His widow and two grown sons stayed on the place. They and many others in that section have had crop failures for some time and the district generally is very poor. There is little demand for farms and even when a purchaser is interested he generally has no money

to pay down. Some of the banks have failed and the remaining banks will not loan on mortgages. A Mulberry bank had a second mortgage on this tract, but this bank is in the hands of a receiver and they are not interested in protecting their mortgage. They offered to release their mortgage for \$50. which is some indication of what they consider their equity is worth.

This loan needs the attention of some one locally to see if some one can be found interested sufficiently to take over the place, work it and keep up the current charges. If such a person could be found foreclosure proceedings could be started so that the title could be transferred. It is the only way I know to work out this loan and salvage part of it. If you want I will get someone to see what they can do. It may even be that the Williams family could raise enough to take care of arrears of interest and taxes and the loan could be renewed with them as owners.

In going over the correspondence at the western office I found a letter from vice president Roberts of the company to Mr. Snow under date of Feb. 17th 1931 and was in answer to what looked like criticism on the part of Mr. Snow toward the western office for making loans in this county. Among other things Mr. Roberts wrote as follows:

"According to information furnished me the company went down in that territory for the purpose of making loans in order to receive the 3% commission, and any one knows that in a section where it is possible to get a high rate of interest, the margin of security is very small, if any, and that the moral risk is not up to standard because it is only reasonable to believe that any borrower who is up and coming and intends to take care of his obligations, is not going to pay an exorbitant rate of interest. However it was easy to get that rate down there, owing to the condition of the country in general and the moral risk involved.

In regard to your not knowing the condition of the particular section I wish to state that we have discussed that territory a number of times at which I told that it was too bad the company ever started to make loans there. When Mr. Edgerton was here you were very careful to see that he did not get down in that part of the country as it was your intention that he be taken direct to northwest Arkansas."

The above will give you a pretty fair idea of what the western officials of the company had learned of this territory some time ago.

Let me know if you want me to try to work out this loan for you.

I was not able to get the original abstract of title to this property, but I found a memorandum that in Nov. 1929 it was sent to L. M. Guthrie of Ozark, Ark. In the event of foreclosure of sale of the property this will be needed.

Center Cemetery Fund \$1000
Loan No. 16334. An abstractor of Benton County represents to me that he finds nothing of record to impair the title. Taxes are paid.

From my investigation, I would say the property was fairly worth about \$1500. under present conditions. This loan looks all right, and I believe will work out. Interest and taxes should not be allowed to get too delinquent or you will get more into this loan than the property will stand. The buildings should be insured provided the owner can get insurance. I find that some insurance companies have withdrawn all farm loans in Arkansas, but other companies are still writing policies and Carter should make strenuous efforts to get a policy. I have written him to do this.

Center Cemetery Fund \$2000
Loan No. 16204. An abstractor of Beckham County represents to me that he finds nothing of record to impair the title. Taxes are paid except, 1930 taxes of \$51.92.

From my investigation, I would say the property was fairly worth about \$2500. under present conditions. This loan looks all right and I believe it will work out without loss.

(Signed) CHARLES FAIRHURST

Editorial Comment: As a result of the action taken at the town meeting of May 25th last year, the selectmen of the town employed Attorney Charles Fairhurst to move in the matter of the town's Trust Funds and he has made his report in full of details which by the "irony of fate" places an honored and trusted official of this community in an "unenviable position" and seemingly "saddles a responsibility" upon him in legal phraseology. Now there is no defalcation. No dishonesty in act or deed on the part of our official and in the moral sense of the situation we the voters of the town share in a responsibility of conditions when admonitions were given and not heeded.

In 1917 according to our town report the town possessed \$3,000 of Interstate issues. In 1919 we possessed \$11,000. Mr. Williams took office in 1922 and in 1930 we had \$11,000 and so long as interest was paid no one seemed disturbed as to their legality

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Hermon School Notes

At Mount Hermon school the speaker last Sunday was Rev. J. B. Palmer, '20, secretary of the Bowery branch of the Y. M. C. A., New York.

Registration for the second semester has closed and the full number of boys 500 are enrolled for study.

Hermon city clubs have started their annual banquets, the Springfield-Hermon club having met Monday evening. Both Dr. Cutler, the principal and Mr. Albert Roberts, alumni-secretary, attended. The Hartford club met Wednesday evening, and the Boston club gathers on Friday.

At the opening chapel service of the new term Mr. W. R. Moody, son of the founder of the Northfield Schools, introduced Mr. Charles Dickerson of Cairo, Egypt, a graduate of Mount Hermon in 1916. Mr. Dickerson spoke to the students on his work as foreign representative in the Near East of the Department of Commerce, a service which was developed by President Hoover, when Secretary of Commerce.

Brattleboro Ski Meet

Was Postponed

The New England Ski Jump meet which was to have been held at Brattleboro last Sunday has been postponed in the hope of more favorable weather conditions. Hope is expressed in the following bulletin:

"If the weather conditions improve it is possible that the Meet will be held at some later date — possibly Washington's Birthday."

Brattleboro Outing Club.

Coming Town Meetings

Of the 26 towns in Franklin County 15 will hold the annual town meetings in February and 11 in March, the first Monday in the month. In February the meetings are held in Buckland, Erving, Colrain, Charlemont, Hawley, Whately, Heath, Sunderland, Shutesbury, Monroe, Conway, Shelburne, Leverett, Warwick, and Northfield. The March meetings will be held in Greenfield, Deerfield, Montague, Ashfield, Orange, Rowe, Leyden, Wendell, Gill, New Salem, and Bernardston.

OBITUARY

ANNA LADZINSKI

Anna Ladzinski, 15 years of age and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ladzinski of Maple Street Northfield died Monday morning, January 25th at the Farren Memorial Hospital after an illness of only a few days. She was a likeable young lady and had many friends and was popular with her student associates. She is survived by her parents, four sisters, Rose, Stefka, Mary and Julia and two brothers Paul and Peter. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Patrick's Church Rev. W. Radzik officiating and burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery.

The pall bearers were Philip Biley, Charles Repeta, Joseph Butynski, Peter Schyrba, Alec Chudzick, and John Lernerowitz.

The Honorary Pall Bearers were Alicia Repeta, Edward Bistrek, Catherine Saczawa, Esther Schyrba, Josephine Bartus, Patricia Bartus, Anne Schyrba, Anna Saczawa.

Seminary Items

The students of Revell Hall fashioned a very good snow image of a horse resting on the lawn in front of their domicile last Saturday.

Registration for the second semester of the Northfield Seminary for 550 girls was effective last week. About 30 pupils dropped out of school at the close of the term, but an equal number will be admitted, so that the school will be full. Examinations were held all of last week.

The Northfield Star made its appearance last Saturday and is a newsy sheet.

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association at its meeting in New York will be attended by Miss Freeman of the Seminary faculty and Misses Jane Whitbread and Elizabeth Anderson, Editors of The Star.

The seminary speaker Sunday was the Rev. George Stewart, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Stamford, Ct.

The Seminary winter carnival was held last Monday with all kinds of sports and games.

On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of last week, when examinations were held, an hour of music was given at Sage Chapel, by Marian Keller, organist, and Mabel Burns, piano.

Saturday afternoon a tea and reception was given at East Hall for the new students. At the library Mrs. Vincent Ravi Booth of Old Bennington, Vermont, read some poems.

Personals

Mrs. Donald Williams has been visiting at Green Pastures with Mrs. A. P. Pitt.

Rev. George Makepeace is very slowly convalescing from an attack of the grip.

The two young children of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Atkinson are both quite ill with whooping cough.

Northfield Farms

Mrs. Ralph O. Leach is reported as slowly improving.

Harold Clough is substituting for Edward Tenney on his bread route.

Richard Pierce of Pittsfield was a week end visitor at the home of R. O. Leach.

Another dance will be held in Union Hall on Saturday evening for the benefit of the Washington trip fund of the Northfield High school senior class.

Local employees of the Millers Falls Tool Company have been having another week's layoff as the factory shut down on Friday the 22nd and will reopen on Monday, February 1.

The evening service in Union Hall last Sunday evening was in charge of Prof. Barrus of Mount Hermon and five young men members of his Missionary Class.

The Ladies Benevolent Society whose supper and entertainment is mentioned elsewhere in these columns netted the sum of \$38 from the affair.

Farmers Exchange To Hold Meeting

As a constant reader of your paper and consequently interested in the affairs of the people of Northfield I am submitting for your approval an article which may be published if you so desire.

Being a Co-operative Farmer's Exchange naturally our interest lies principally in the local farmer, as he is the man to whom our services are a great benefit.

Every farmer realizes the state of affairs relative to the prices he had to pay for goods previous to the introduction of a co-operation. Grain prices were exorbitant. Dealers were charging whatever they could get for their feed. They had no price level to meet, consequently the farmers paid high prices for feed.

The farmers began to realize the necessity of joining together to obtain a purchasing agent through which they could buy their feed and have it distributed at the least possible cost. Thereby eliminating the unnecessary expense of a grain dealer.

It was through this realization that the Bernardston Co-operative Farmers Exchange was organized and put into operation.

This Exchange buys for the farmer grain, hay, lime, fertilizers, etc., and distributes the same at cost.

They are not as some people think: a private enterprise with a selfish personal motive, out to get every last dollar that a farmer has.

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As everybody knows—"In union there is strength," so it is in the case of the farmer. The men that are purchasing their supplies through their own Co-operative are the ones that are saving the most money.

The management extends a hearty welcome to all interested in purchasing farm necessities.

A meeting of the members of the Exchange is to be held in the Northfield Community Hall, Tuesday, February 2, at 2 p.m., for election of officers and other business matters that may arise.

Personals - Locals

Miss Betty Kuehl of Northfield has 19 chickens and in the egg laying contest in which they are entered she reports a total of 196 eggs in two months or 10.3 eggs per bird or a total of 14.8 eggs per bird.

A sure sign that summer is coming when representatives of Downie and Santelle circus are about this section of the state booking dates.

Mrs. E. C. Matthews of Springfield, a former visitor to Northfield during the summer is with Mrs. Atkinson on Glenwood Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lewis of Ashland, N. H., who have a daughter Virginia attending Northfield Seminary were callers upon Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gingras this week. Mrs. Lewis is a daughter of Mr. O. A. Brown formerly upon the Governor's Council in New Hampshire.

Mrs. Ralph O. Leach of Northfield Farms who has been at Franklin County Hospital for an operation was brought home last Sunday feeling much improved in health.

Mr. Jonas P. Sawin well known citizen of Northfield who has made his home for sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Russell D. Roberts is seriously ill with pneumonia and was removed to the Franklin County Hospital last Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Dickerson and her son Charles of Oldwick, N. J., were in Northfield over last week end greeting friends here. Mrs. Dickerson is the wife of Prof. Dickerson former Principal of Northfield Seminary. Their many friends were glad of the opportunity to greet these former residents.

Don't forget that the Northfield Grange will serve dinner in the basement of the town hall on the day of the annual town meeting Monday, February 1.



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Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy L. Langdon of Florence were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Gould.

The American Legion auxiliary held a meeting at the Legion room of the town hall on Monday evening.

The play given under the auspices of the Ladies' Benevolent society of Northfield Farms last Friday evening has created much favorable comment and it has been suggested that it be repeated.

The demand for Ford cars is keeping pace with the usual past sales and Spencer's Garage is making more than the normal placements.

Mr. Wolcott M. Smith of Putney, Vermont was in Northfield again on Wednesday looking over several radios in private homes. He has been kept very busy but will attend to all calls each Wednesday if telephoned to Spencer's Garage.

Seth Parker in "Way Back Home" will be shown in the movies at the Auditorium in Brattleboro next week. Manager Sharby is booking some excellent films.

Morgan's Garage is preparing a lot of special winter jobs at attractive rates see their "ads" in the paper next week.

Mrs. Leola S. Morse, has purchased a building lot on School Street of Miss Mary Quinlan through the B. C. Abbott realty agency. It is reported she will build in the near future.

Prof. Spurgeon Gage addressed the teachers and officers of the First Baptist Church School of Springfield on Tuesday evening of this week.

Fred A. Irish, Miles Morgan and Harry Gingras, the "Three Musketeers" braved the elements on Wednesday when they traveled by motor to visit the auto show at Boston.

Mr. E. V. Tenney the local representative of Hathaway Bakeries is ill at his home in Greenfield. Harold Clough is substituting for him on the delivery truck.

It will pay you to look at our Specials in next week's issue. The Morgan Garage 1-29-11

Bernardston

Mrs. W. H. Pierce was in town last week.

Kenneth Gale is ill with the measles.

Octave Duprey of Keene, N. H. is visiting his son George Duprey.

Darwin Brown son of Mrs. Herbert Nelson has a case of Scarlet Fever.

Archie Snow a senior of Powers Institute, won second prize of the editorial section of all the papers of the Western Massachusetts League of

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School Publications. The name of the editorial was "Why Powers Institute Needs a Gym." There were three prizes awarded.

Many students have been absent from school the past week with severe colds, among them are Margaret Buchanan, Ellis Franklin and Chauncey Townsend. Raymond Griswold has been out of school with a hard case of tonsillitis. Misses Doris and Marion Burrows are confined to bed with influenza.

The Gruszkowski family has been Nelson has a case of Scarlet Fever.

The Baptist Church will hold their regular services at eleven o'clock conducted by Rev. W. H. Giebel, with Sunday School following at 12.

TO THE VOTERS OF NORTHFIELD

(Continued from Page Six)

and no move was made to instruct or authorize the Treasurer to disturb his holdings, although in that period by vote of a town meeting Feb. 3, 1930, he was authorized to write off a railroad bond of \$1,000 of the Belcher Library Fund which had become worthless, and this bond together with other holdings of this fund was more or less scrutinized by the Library Trustees. If our house is in disorder and our affairs not strictly in conformity with the laws of the state they should be put in order as soon as possible. No man, whoever he may be should be made the "scape goat" for a condition which we are told exists and for which we are all responsible. Adjustment should be made of our vested funds but in an orderly manner "without malice aforethought.. No "red blooded man" or woman should attempt to evade any moral responsibility or attempt to crucify a faithful official who has conscientiously done his duty as he saw it.

Let us not attempt to be hasty in our judgment or our action but in the spirit of fairness and with sufficient patience work out our salvation. Article 38 is drastic and severe. It compels compliance in

ART. 38 To see whether the Town will vote to direct the Town Treasurer within 60 days from this date to dispose of all trust fund holdings of the Town known as Interstate Mortgage Trust Company notes and mortgages, which were purchased for investment or re-investment since April 3, 1922 and to re-invest the proceeds in legal investments; to authorize the Selectmen to take such steps as may be deemed expedient to compel compliance with the laws relative to the investment of town trust funds, and to take such steps as may be deemed expedient to recover any loss resulting from such investment.

The Finance Committee does not recommend the adoption of this article.

too short a time in a period when the best of values have declined and no market is afforded for investments of any kind. This article should not be voted. Better far is Article 39 which might wisely

ART. 39 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money to protect its trust fund holdings.

The Finance Committee recommends that this article be adopted.

be amended by the appointment of a Committee of the towns' citizens (experienced in financial matters) to consider seriously the situation and find a way to correct the present difficulty, to conserve and protect the present and future holdings of all the towns invested funds and bring them into harmony with the intent and purpose of the law, without the sacrifice of any individual's character or reputation—justice always being tempered with mercy and consideration.

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Treadway Considering Truck Regulation

Congressman Allen T. Treadway repeated to the House road committee his oft-contended need of government regulation of inter-state traffic, and terms such use of our highways a very great abuse of them. He stated that in building the roads the people have provided free right of way for commercial purposes at the expense of the state and national governments, to the great detriment of the roads themselves and serious and dangerous interference with other kinds of traffic.

He suggested that the \$125,000,000 to be given this year by the Federal government to states for the purpose of road construction, have attached to it the string that it be given subject to certain state restrictions upon inter-state trucking. He mentioned the regulation of the size, weight and speed of trucks engaged in inter-state transportation. He may later introduce a bill in Congress to that effect.

The residents of Berkshire county have long been acquainted with Mr. Treadway's ideas upon this subject, believing that the present condition is unwise, dangerous and a bad policy. He cited the long line of trucks running daily from Ohio through Massachusetts, demanding the road and by reason of their size and speed getting it. Those who have seen the young freight trains rolling through on rubber know that the congressman is fully telling the truth, but entirely sound in his contention.

Bad Auto Accident; Killed At Brattleboro

A bad auto accident on the West Dummerston road shortly after noon on Sunday caused the death of Esther Ogren about 25 of Providence, R. I. daughter of the Swedish Congregational minister, Rev. A. J. Ogren of Brattleboro and two others are in the Brattleboro Memorial hospital. Miss Ogren came up for the week end to visit her parents accompanied by two friends, Martha, 29, and Lillie Widham 34, of Pawtucket, the former driving the Ford roadster in which they were riding when the accident occurred.

After attending church, they went for a drive up the Dummerston road and returning home by way of the ski jump. In the town of Brattleboro, near but not the Dummerston line, the car struck some ice and the driver lost control, causing the car to go down the bank into the West river.

Bernardston

Mrs. Herbert Ryther has returned from a visit with her daughter Mrs. Britt of Athol.

Mrs. Annie Reed of Greenfield has been spending a few days with Mrs. Frank Farland.

Miss Edith Barber has returned from Boston where she has been attending a library meeting.

Mr. Arthur Ward has taken off his fourth setting of chickens. He now has over 1500 in his hatchery.

Ernest Nelson has had a fine cock pheasant on exhibition in the display window at the Bernardston Auto Exchange.

Mrs. Mary Streeter has recovered from illness. She is now visiting friends in Greenfield and Shelburne Falls.

Mrs. Frank Deane entertained the "Week End" club. Honors were gained by Mrs. George Cranson and Mrs. E. W. Vail.

The students are planning to start rehearsals next week for the play, "Take My Advice." The play is to be coached by Miss Palmer.

Powers Institute students are planning to give an Operetta, "The Radio Maid," which will be conducted by Mr. Sylvester Slate.

The Bernardston Athletic Club will hold a Spot Waltz, Saturday evening. There is to be five dollars in "Gold" awarded for the lucky couple.

The Congregational Church will hold their regular Sunday Service at eleven o'clock conducted by Rev. A. L. Truesdell followed by Sunday School.

The next number in the free lecture course will be given by the Community Club this coming Friday. A turkey supper will be served from six to eight o'clock.

A whist party was given on Wednesday evening by the senior class of Powers Institute at Cushman hall. Prizes were awarded and refreshments were served.

The usual morning services of the Unitarian Church will be held at eleven o'clock on Sunday A. M. The service will be conducted by Rev. Joseph Allen. With Sunday school at 10 A. M.

Mrs. Frank Farland has discovered her daffodils have started to grow during the warm days and are up two inches. They have been covered up again hoping their early start will not damage them.

There will be a meeting of the W. C. T. U. with Mrs. A. L. Truesdell Friday afternoon at 2.30. Two of the class essays written by pupils of Powers Institute will be read.

Mrs. Almon Flagg entertained Mrs. Mary McGann at her home last Saturday evening in honor of her birthday. Dinner was served. The party attended the dance at Northfield afterwards.

Estey Organ For South African Church

Estey Organ company of Brattleboro has shipped to the Dutch Reformed church at Hofmeyer, South Africa, a two-manual pipe organ with draw-knob console. The design of the organ is unusual and the console somewhat different from the type ordinarily built. The organ goes to a locality where electric power is not available for a motor and consequently the instrument is built entirely on pneumatic action, with hand-blowing apparatus. The console, though all pneumatic, has the same combination action found in the company's latest master-key desk. In its completed form the organ is described as a highly artistic example of the art of organ-building. This is the fifth installation to be made in South Africa by this company.

Defends Town Officials

(To the Editor of The Enterprise and Orange Journal)

In an editorial of the Boston Herald of Sunday, January 17th the statement is made that in relation to the financial embarrassment which many towns and cities now find themselves in "The ultimate responsibility for the situation in Massachusetts cannot be removed from the city and town officials." That statement is unfair and untrue. It is true, as the editorial states, that the tax rate cannot be foretold when appropriations are made in February or March and at later special meetings. The rate cannot be determined until late July or August, when the officials get the returns of state income taxes and corporation taxes. Many an article for the expenditure of money is placed in the town meeting warrant upon petition of the voters and the expenditure voted against the counsel of the town officials. Then there is nothing to do but carry out the provision of the vote. Later when the tax-payer gets his tax notice he goes out and buys a one hundred dollar radio and proceeds to the post office and roars to high heaven about the inefficient and grafting board of town officials. One great reason for the increase in the expenditures of towns and cities is the amount expended for schools. Now don't get me wrong in this as there is no one who believes more thoroughly in providing a means of education for our children than myself. I have four children and my fellow townsmen know that I am doing my best to give them an education. My intention is solely to show the reason for increased tax rates. In 1920 the expenditure for schools in Erving was \$17,462.26. The total enrollment in elementary schools was 266 with 19 going to high schools. In 1930 the amount expended was \$32,567.31 with a total enrollment of elementary students of 224 and 53 in high school. The cost of transportation and tuition in 1920 was \$2,423.57 and in 1930 it was \$11,558.77. You will note that there were 42 less enrolled in elementary schools and nearly three times as many in high schools. It is a mighty good sign for the future of our country that more parents are concerned in the education of their children.

Another item is the increased expense of highway maintenance. In the horse and buggy days, where the road was a bit bumpy with a water-bar every few rods, no fault was found. The water bar served as a place for Dobbin to stop and take a rest, but autos don't take kindly to water bars so they have been delegated to oblivion with boot jacks and bustles and the result is that during a rain the auto cuts a rut perhaps down a mile long hill and that means money for repairs.

Commissioner Henry F. Long informs town officials that the one dollar head tax for Old Age Assistance fails by one and a half million dollars of paying the one-third reimbursement to towns and cities by the state, and until new means of raising the state share is provided, towns and cities will have to bear the whole expense. A bill has been filed in the legislature to reduce the age limit from 70 to 60 years. Is that something that can be laid to town officials?

Another reason for high taxes is expenses loaded on to towns and cities by the state and county officials. For example our county court house. The selectmen from nearly every town in Franklin county met at Greenfield and appointed a committee to meet the county commissioners and protest against building at the present time but they received scant consideration.

As a means of relieving unemployment it is a "dud." Johnny, sit up and take your medicine. The whole story is that the people are demanding more every day and what is demanded today in every day life was a luxury for the rich of a few years ago, and don't forget this, the people foot the bills.

The town of Erving is sixth in point of valuation in Franklin county, having a tax rate in 1931 of 19 dollars per thousand, finished the financial year with \$33,800.00 free cash on hand, not a dollar of outstanding indebtedness, and so far as I know every town in the county is in sound financial condition. However, judging by what I read in the papers there are a few thorns in Greenfield's bed of roses. Again I say that the statement that town officials are to blame for their bad financial condition, is not true.

Charles H. Holmes, Erving.

Probate Court

In Probate Court at Greenfield January 19th accounts were allowed on estates of Sarah J. Dickinson late of Northfield and Jane C. Legat late of Northfield.

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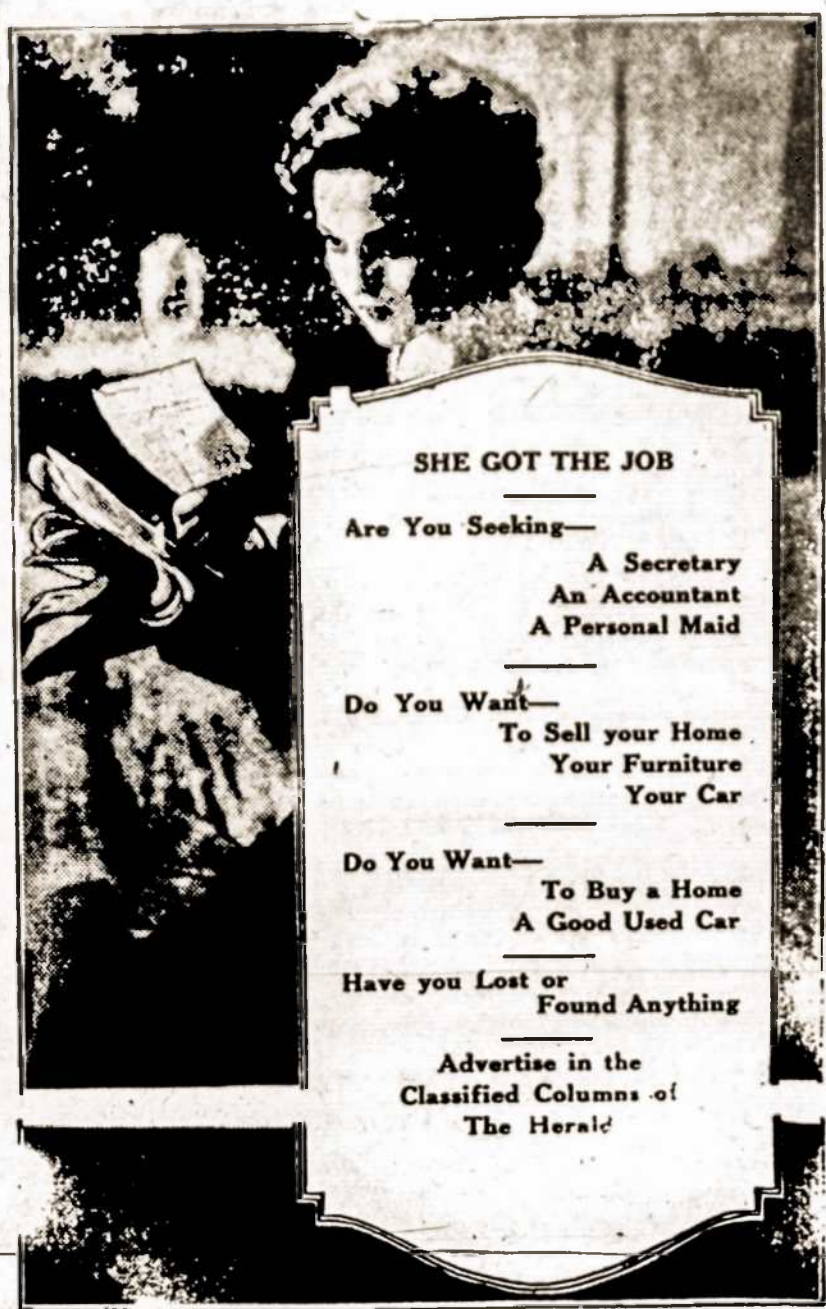
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And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week, for three successive weeks, in The Northfield Herald, a newspaper published in said Northfield the last publication to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, postpaid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

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When you go to the polls on Monday next you will find more names on the ballot for each town office than you can vote for except that for the office of Treasurer for which Mr. Frank W. Williams is nominated by the Republicans and for Town Clerk for which Mrs. Josephine Haskell holds both nominations. You should vote for the required number and for those whom in your judgment would make competent and able officials.

For Selectmen, Mr. George W. Carr, the present Chairman, Mr. Edward M. Morgan, at present selectman and Mr. Frank H. Montague who served previously as selectman are on the regular Republican ticket, while Mr. Ralph O. Leach, a present selectman with Mr. Fred A. Davis and Mr. Waldo H. Stebbins are named by the Citizens' party. For School Committee, Mr. George N. Kidder, in addition to his running for Cemetery Commissioner on both tickets—is the Citizens' nominee pitted against Mr. Joseph F. Bittinger the Republican candidate. Mr. Leon R. Alexander the Republican nominee for Tax Collector who has served for several years has a rival in Fred Fox on the Citizens ticket.

For library trustees, Dr. Allen H. Wright has the endorsement of both parties and Mrs. W. P. Stanley has the Republican endorsement with Miss Victoria Sankey as the Citizens offering. Francis Reed on the Citizen ticket for tree warden is contesting with Mr. Martin A. Jones on the Republican ticket who is the present incumbent.

When it comes to Constables, there are plenty of candidates—S. F. Alexander, candidate of both parties represent the Northfield Farms choice for a constable in that section, Mr. Martin E. Vorce, and Deputy Sheriff Theodore F. Darby have the Republican nomination, Mr. Max Huber and W. H. Dalton are named as Citizens candidates while Mr. Harry Haskell carries both party endorsements.

Not one of the One Hundred and Seventeen motors in which we have re-seated the valves in the past year have been reported to us as being hard to start at zero temperature. Let us tell you why and how every car should be checked for cold weather use. The Morgan Garage, Phone 173. Northfield. Adv.

Center School Notes

The following pupils in Grades 3 and 4 were neither absent nor tardy during the past four weeks: Harold Bigelow, Genna Czapkiewicz, Robert Miller, William L. Richardson, Mary G. Maczawa, Charles W. Wright, Dean Carmean, Thelma Richards, Mary Ladzinski, Stephen Czaba. The percentage of attendance for these two grades during this period was 93.33 1-37.

These children have 90% or over for their Arithmetic Average: William Auclain, Elizabeth Fitts, Marie Haven, John Hudzik, Karol Mankowsky, Grace Tenney, Helen Williams, Philip Mann, Mary Stebbins, Susanna Wilder, Anna Fisher, Grace Fisher, Betty Kehl, Robert Russell, Thomas Hurley, Niles Stone.

The following people were neither absent nor tardy during the last four weeks: Helen Cembalisky, Evelyn Clough, Anna Fisher, Grace Fisher, Esther Jurkowski, Tessie Lernatowitz, Elizabeth Miller, Helen Schyrba, Bertha Smolen, Esther Sytnik, Grace Tenney, Madelyn Whitney, Phyllis Fraser. The percentage of attendance for grades five through eight was 90.73.

The Seventh Grade have been studying and writing poetry. Perhaps these two poems will interest you.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

George Washington of History fame, The greatest man with the greatest name
He who chopped the cherry tree,
And never told a lie you see.

George Washington was the 1st President,
Where at Mount Vernon he was a resident,
Head of the Revolution, he won the fight,
But now he's dead, sad the plight.

He was very kind and true,
He was happy and never blue,
He was honest in all he did,
And never told anyone a fib.

And now we celebrate this great day,
In 1932 as they say,
There'll be a great program all round the U. S. A.
And we'll all take part, you can just guess.

Philip Mann.

WASHINGTON

Hurrah! for General Washington
That stern man of war.
He fought the British at Trenton
And won a victory on Boston Shore.

Next he took his army
His army ragged and brave,
To Valley Forge where they almost froze,
But fought for their land to save.

Then he became a President,
This mighty man of war,
And he ruled and guarded our nation
To victories ever more.

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At the Theatres

AT THE LAWLER — GREENFIELD
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The feature attraction at the Lawler Theatre starting Saturday, January 30, for four days is "Lovers Courageous" starring the ever popular Robert Montgomery, Madge Evans and Roland Young. It is a story of a young adventurer who falls in love with a rich English girl and marries her against parental wishes. His ambition is to be a playwright. Poverty forces her to go back to her parents. One of his plays is produced successfully and they are happily reunited.

The discovery of a new screen comedian receives as much acclaim in Hollywood today as does the discovery of a new romantic star, for it is a well-known truth in picturedom that laughs are more precious than romantic thrills—being more difficult to induce.

Current comedy plaudits are being given Herbert Mundin discovery of the Fox Film Corporation, who plays the role of the cockney taxi driver in "The Silent Witness," which opens its local engagement next Wednesday at the Lawler Theatre.

Mundin is an Englishman with a background of years of experience in the music halls of London and Australia. He came to the United States with the first Charlott's revue.

While Mundin supplies a delightful touch of comedy to "The Silent Witness," the picture is a thrilling mystery drama, telling the vivid story of an indulgent father who risks his own neck on the gallows to save his weakling son from the penalty of a murder crime the boy has become involved in.

Lionel Atwill, international stage star plays the role of the father, which is the role he created in the stage production of the story. The other featured players Greta Nissen, Helen Mack, Weldon Heyburn and Bramwell Fletcher, who impersonates the son. Marcel Varnel and R. L. Hough directed the production which is based on the sensational DeLeon-Celestin Broadway play.

"Safe In Hell," the First National melodrama starring Dorothy Mackail and coming to the Lawler Theatre Wednesday next, is presented by an imposing cast of screen favorites, including Clarence Muse, the talented negro who created the title role in the Broadway stage production of "Porgy."

Muse, in speaking of those of his race who have reached high places in the artistic world, mentions Paul Robeson, Roland Hayes, Charles Gilpin, Bill Robinson, Paul Laurence Dunbar, and others—modestly omitting himself. Muse alone has found success in talking pictures. Gilpin, for whom Eugene O'Neill wrote "Emperor Jones," was about to appear in one of the early talkies when death came.

Clarence Muse was featured in "Nappas" and "Hearts in Dixie." Another famous blues singer in the cast of "Safe in Hell" is Nina Mae McKinney, who is accompanied by the Cotton Club Orchestra. Picturesque scenes in a farflung island of the South Seas inhabited by desperadoes from all parts of the world, are heightened by the melodious crooning of the negroes.

Dorothy Mackail plays her finest role as Gilda, a servant girl, wronged by her employer, driven to the streets, and finally to the outcast island as a murder suspect—with the inevitable tragic denouement.

Don Cook plays the romantic lead. Among those in the cast are Victor Varconi, Morgan Wallace, Ralf Harold, Ivan Simpson and John Wray. William A. Wellman directed.

On the same program at the "House of Hits"—double feature hits Lil Dagover, the continental stage and screen actress, who will be seen at the Lawler Theatre February 6, 7, 8, 9, in "The Woman from Monte Carlo," her first picture made in this country—was introduced to the wide open spaces of America by a three weeks' airplane tour of the country.

The trip was not a new experience to Miss Dagover, however, who has flown thousands of miles over Europe—Stockholm to Berlin—Brussels to Rome—Paris to Budapest. "To take a train is ridiculous in my country," she says, "because it wastes so much lovely time. But never have I been in the air for weeks, like in your country!"

Miss Dagover says that many ladies she met on her cross-country hop expressed amazement at her wearing apparel. "In every city I have to open my bags and show them—here my hats—there my shoes, my clothes, my accessories—and so forth."

Miss Dagover considers her role in "The Woman from Monte Carlo" the best of her career. Her large supporting cast is headed by Walter Huston, Warren William, George E. Stone, John Wray, Robert Warwick and Oscar Apfel. Michael Curtiz ably directs the exciting drama of love and intrigue. It's a First National and Vitaphone production.

"Strictly Dishonorable," the most piquant and provocative comedy yet to reach the talking screen, is to be shown in Greenfield in the near future.

This presentation was assured yesterday, when Manager Lawlir of the Lawler Theatre completed arrangements for playing Universal's brilliant screenplay adapted from one of the most successful plays seen in New York within the past decade. The cast of the picture is headed by Paul Lukas, who Universal borrowed from Paramount, Sidney Fox and Lewis Stone.

The story concerns an innocent Southern girl and her pugacious fiancé who leaves in jealous anger when she casts admiring glances at an Italian opera singer whom she meets in a speakeasy. The sudden romance that blossoms between this great lover and the deserted Southern beauty is told with daring and yet with utmost delicacy. Laughter, tears and tingling suspense tumble over each other in delicious abandon.

The original play was written by Preston Sturges, and the screen version is the work of Gladys Lehman, who recently wrote the story for Universal's domestic drama, "Seed." In addition to Lukas, Stone and Miss Fox, the cast of "Strictly Dishonorable" includes George Meeker and William Ricciardi, who appeared in the New York state production of the play. John M. Stahl directed the picture.

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SUNDAY—MONDAY—TUESDAY—WEDNESDAY

January 31—February 1-2-3

"Union Depot" a picture that's entirely different, so real you can almost smell the coal smoke from the giant locomotives, with a powerful cast headed by Douglas Fairbanks Jr., and Joan Blondell. For thrills and unusual situations "Union Depot" is one of a few pictures made within the last year.

Next Week THURSDAY—FRIDAY—SATURDAY

William Powell in "HIGH PRESSURE"

Manager Flanagan of the Garden Theatre is pleased to announce the opening of the much-heralded "Union Depot," the First National and Vitaphone production starring Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., and featuring the charming Joan Blondell.

This is the first time the youthful favorites have been cast together, and all who see them—as the gay hobo who is a 'gentleman' for a day and the stranded small-town actress he aids—will hope it may not be the last. "Union Depot" is a rare combination of comedy, romance and thrills. It's exciting scenes are laid in a vast railway station. Besides the large cast which takes part in the story itself, many well-known screen people portray characters in the crowd of travelers.

Alfred E. Green has manipulated situations and players with his usual sensitive understanding. Principals are Guy Kibbee, Alan Hale, George Roeneer, David Landau, Mary Doran, Rita Flynn, Polly Walters, Ruth Hall, Mae Madison, George MacFarlane, Earle Fox, Louis King, Frank McHugh, Lillian Bond, Spencer Charters, Ben Taggart and Robert Homans.

Young Doug Fairbanks does his most effective work in "Union Depot," which is his third starring vehicle. Doug Jr., and Joan Blondell form one of the most fascinating love teams on the screen.

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ALL PLEASED TO ATTEND MARTHA WASHINGTON PARTY OF THE FORTNIGHTLY

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trusted "Mammy", Mrs. Ralph S. Thompson was cutting out garments for the families on the plantation.

The close friends of Martha's last ten years at Mt. Vernon were: Mrs. Eleanor Peters, Mrs. Leon Alexander; Mrs. Spokwood, Mrs. Anna B. Freeman; Mrs. Deborah Logan, Mrs. Fred A. Holton.

The picture of the two children, who had been the guiding angels all through the years for Lady Washington, was shown by little Ruth Dawe and Russell Bigelow, who, in their naturalness, won the repeated applause of the audience.

After the living pictures had been seen, the ladies were all presented by Mrs. Robert Morris and received most cordially by Martha Washington and by the mother, Mary Ball Washington.

To please the honored lady of the afternoon, Eleanor Calvert Custis sang two old songs: Mrs. Liston presented a tea service, the gift sent by George III of England.

Mavis Haven and Phyllis Fraser sang the Minuet which was danced most effectively by eight young women. Sarah Livingston sang a bewitching old song, and then tea was served by the ladies Mrs. George Kidder, Mrs. F. L. Tyler, Mrs. H. F. Millard, Miss Elizabeth Braler in true southern hospitality.

Many other ladies of the Fortnightly appeared in special costumes, which added to the picturesqueness of the assembly.

Mrs. H. H. Morse was the historian of the episode reviewing the life of Mary Ball Washington and of Martha Washington during the last ten years at Mount Vernon. The Rev. Mrs. Conner was the Chairman of the affair and with her Committee deserves great credit for the success of the gathering.

Yes the men, some of them, were there to grace the occasion and enjoy the festivities. Mr. Kidder through the loan of his truck and man and Mr. Field as general helper, did as much as any one to make the "Mt. Vernon Afternoon" a success.



Frederick Sargent

Who appears in Twelfth Night at the Auditorium, East Northfield, Saturday evening.

No. 3 School Notes

The Edson twins have returned to school after an illness for six school weeks.

The fifth grade girls attended the George Washington Program at Fortnightly, last Friday afternoon.

The children made toy animals and people out of toothpicks and peanuts.

The boys found a June Bug last week. After being warmed by the furnace pipe, it came to life and crawled around the school.

Richard Mann has started the Flower Contest for this year by bringing "Skunk Cabbage" found in a swamp, January 27.

Number 3 "Saw-So" 4-H Club. We have had several meetings at the home of our leader, Mrs. Russell Hale.

The first year girls have been learning to make the different kinds of stitches and have begun a holder.

The third year girl is making a button hole. We all sang songs and said the Club Pledge. The last meeting was held January 26. We will meet again February 2. Our President is Evelyn Russell; Secretary, Alfreda Edson; news reporter, Florence Hale.

Miss Juliana Alexander spent the week end with Miss Harriett Kelley of Greenfield.

Who Are Descendants?

The Herald would like to secure a list of persons in Northfield who are members of the Sons of the American Revolution, The Daughters of the Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Dames or any other similar societies also those who are descendants of Revolutionary families not connected with any organization but who can trace their genealogical lines back to that period.

The above was printed in last week's Herald and several replies have come in. We shall later publish these names and the societies the persons are connected with—also the names of person descended from Revolutionary folk. We appeal to all to assist us in obtaining this information during the Washington Bi-Centennial period.

It will pay you to look at our Specials in next week's issue. The Morgan Garage 1-29-11

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MONDAY IN TOWN HALL LARGE ATTENDANCE EXPECTED

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Priest of \$4000. to be used for the care and maintenance of the West Northfield Cemetery under the terms as set forth by her or act thereon.

ART. 27 To see if the Town will determine the bounty on hedge hogs and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 28 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the Constables of the Town for police services or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 29 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$25. for the use of the Library at Northfield Farm, or act thereon.

ART. 30 To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen, not to rent the dining room in the Town Hall, for wrestling bouts, or act thereon.

ART. 31 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of not more than \$100. for the purpose of installing the necessary units in the electric warming oven in the kitchen in the Town Hall or act thereon.

ART. 32 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for motor fire fighting equipment, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 33 To see if the Town will instruct the Assessors to cause the valuation to be printed once in two years instead of each year, the next one printed to be that of 1933 or pass any vote or votes, in relation thereto.

ART. 34 To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$50. for the care of lot in Northfield Farms Cemetery of Oscar and F. V. Wood or act thereon.

ART. 35 To see if the Town will vote to build a fence from the gateway near Geo. Stuts cottage to a point near the cottage of Frank Sivick on Pine Meadow road and raise and appropriate a sum of money for that purpose, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 36 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of \$200. for the purpose of filling and grading the playground site of the Center School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 37 To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to interview the Greenfield Electric Light & Power Co. in regard to getting a reduced lighting rate or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 38 To see whether the Town will vote to direct the Town Treasurer within 60 days from this date to dispose of all trust fund holdings of the Town known as Interstate Mortgage Trust Company notes and mortgages, which were purchased for investment or re-investment since April 3, 1922 and to re-invest the proceeds in legal investments; to authorize the Selectmen to take such steps as may be deemed expedient to compel compliance with the laws relative to the investment of town trust funds, and to take such steps as may be deemed expedient to recover any loss resulting from such investment.

ART. 39 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money to protect its trust fund holdings.

ART. 40 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Road Machinery Account, to which shall be credited all receipts received for the use or rental of road machinery, the proceeds to be appropriated as voted by the town for road machinery purposes, or take any action in relation thereto.

ART. 41 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to establish a Road Machinery Fund for that purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act thereon.



Russell Thorndike

Who appears in Twelfth Night at the Auditorium, East Northfield, Saturday evening.

Three times as many aliens left the United States during the month of October as immigrants entered. 2913 came in and 10,857 went out. Our immigration problem is disposed of for a while at least. In the past we thought they came for blessed liberty—we find they came for cash. When the depression hit us they scampered back.—Los Angeles Times.

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Parsons Refuses Position Offered

In a news dispatch from Boston our good friend Herbert C. Parsons former probation commissioner, was offered the position of chairman of the state board of parole by Gov. Ely. He declined for business reasons. Parsons retired from the probation commissionership the middle of December. Frank A. Brooks holds the parole job as a holdover.

Gov. Ely has already named two men in his place, former Atty-Gen. Thomas J. Boynton of Arlington and Richard Olney of Boston and the executive council has turned down both. The governor may name another appointee to the place soon.

1932 Fair Dates

At a meeting of the Massachusetts Agricultural Fairs Association held at Springfield last week the following dates were assigned for the fairs to be held by the various organizations conducting fairs.

Weymouth Agricultural society, September 29-30, October 1; Nantucket Agricultural society, August 22-23; Marshfield Agriculture and Horticulture society, August 24-27; Highland Agricultural society, September 2-3; Worcester N. W. Agricultural society, September 3, 4, 5; Plymouth County Agricultural society, September 5; Union Agricultural and Horticultural society, September 5, 6; Sturbridge Agricultural Association, Inc., September 3, 4, 5; Martha's Vineyard Agricultural society, September 7-10; Franklin County Agricultural society, September 12, 13, 14; Brockton Agricultural society, September 12-17; Acton Agricultural Association, Inc., September 16, 17; Eastern States Exposition, September 18-24; Hillside Agricultural society, September 27, 28; Housatonic Agricultural society, August 30, 31, September 1, 2; Littleville, Community Fair, October 1; Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden Agricultural society, October 4, 5, 6; Bristol County Young Farmers' fair, October 13, 14. The fairs for which no dates are yet assigned are the Deerfield alley Agricultural society, Groton Farmers and Mechanics club, and Worcester Agricultural society.

Save money by trading at home and taking advantage of our Specials. Full particulars in the next issue of The Northfield Herald. The Morgan Garage 1-29-11

Ever-Ready Handicraft Club Is Active

Another weekly meeting of the Ever-Ready handicraft club was held in our workshop January 26, and the taborets which were finished at our last meeting were given a coat of walnut stain under the direction of Mr. Fred Huber who has had several years experience in this line.

For the work at our next meeting it was voted to start making footstools.

We had three visitors present who showed great interest in our work.

Our membership is now a lucky seven with the addition of a new member Robert Washer. The members are: Edward Lucino, Walter Lucino, Clarence Webber, Carlton Wells, Raymond Miller, Donald Sutherland and Robert Washer.

Real Estate Transfers

Gill: Barton, Henry B. et al.—S. Fred Kerslake, Jr., in Riverside.

Northfield: Rogers, Robert W.—Andrew Tjarnell, Meadow road. Hammond, Murray F.—Standard Oil Co. of New York, lease.

Warwick: Webster, Frank W.—Louis A. Nelson et al., on Royalston town line.

W. C. T. U. to The Fore

The W. C. T. U. organization of Northfield has been credited with filing the first returns of a petition by women to request foreign governments to send their most representative women to a congress of women to be held in Chicago during the coming World's Fair in 1933. The World's Fair will be a great Exposition emphasizing a Century of Progress and women are to play a most important part in its success.

The schoolmen of Franklin County held a meeting at the Mansion House in Greenfield last week Wednesday with dinner at six p.m. Following Dr. John Gramrad, assistant superintendent of the Springfield public schools, gave an interesting and informative talk on the investigation in the Connecticut valley, relative to various types of professional improvement in educators, and curriculum revision in junior and senior high schools. General discussion followed.

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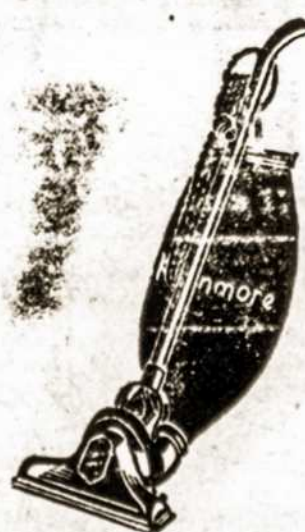
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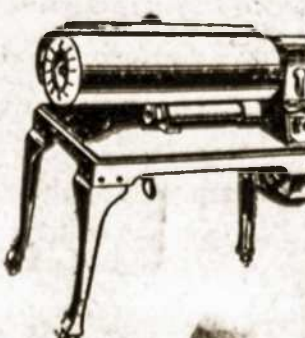
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